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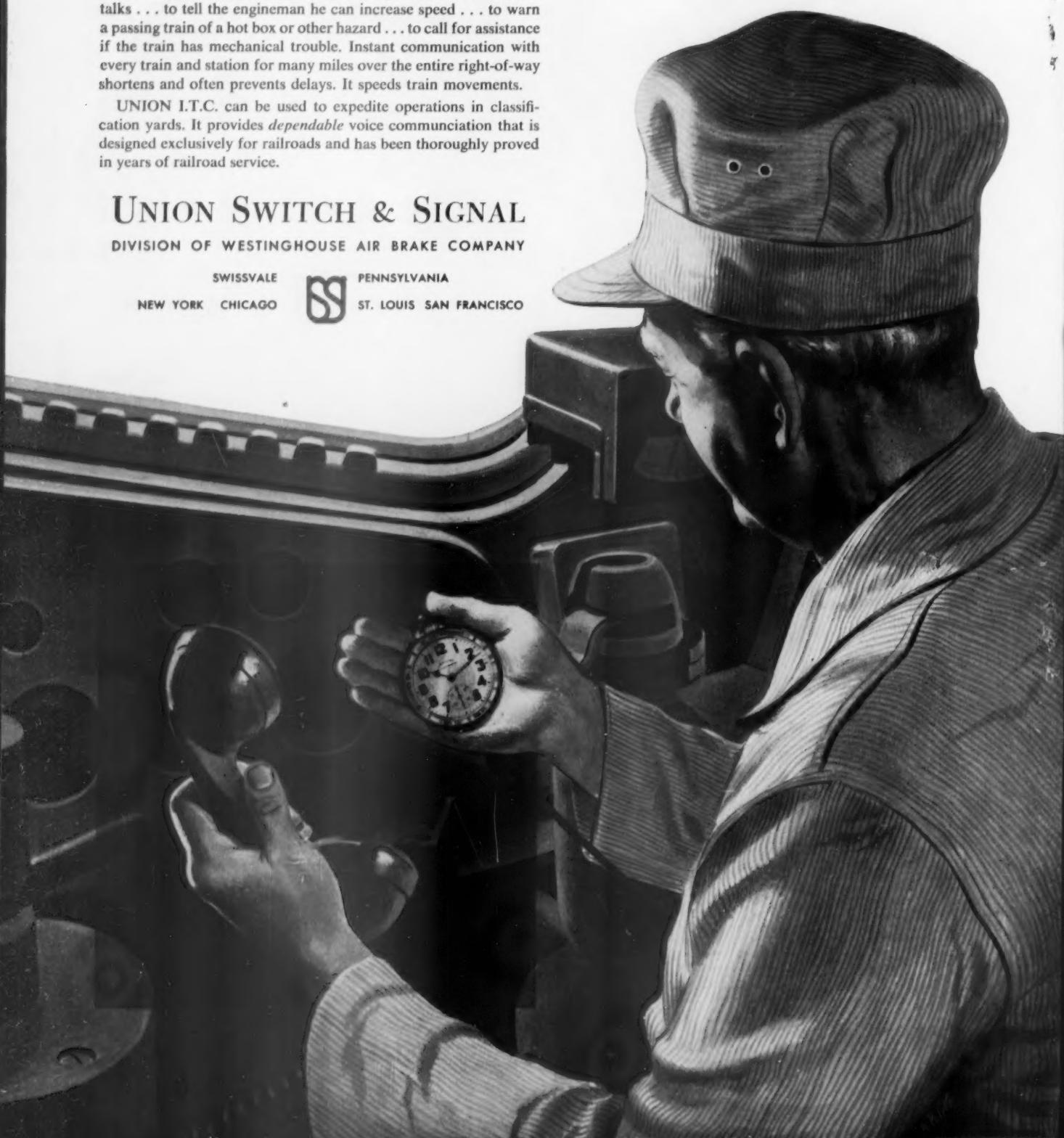
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## Week at a Glance

Railroad "reserve capacity" is not keeping pace with the growth of the national economy. That, says U. S. Steel's Grosvenor Plowman, is something for the national defense agencies to think seriously about. 8

Capital expenditures by railroads in 1954, latest estimates indicate, will be about \$806 million—a decline of 36% from the 1953 figure. 9

William White last week was elected president of the Delaware & Hudson, succeeding Joseph H. Nuelle, who was named chairman of the board. 10

Three-cent air mail will be "tested" another year, the CAB has decreed. Meanwhile, a "final" air-mail rate investigation is getting under way. 12

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Mahaffie's tenure after December, when he becomes 70 years of age, is now uncertain. Railroad men generally hope he will be left on the job, because they feel that his background and judicial approach have blended to endow him with the "ideal" disposition for a regulator. 12

FORUM—Cold wars prevail in the domestic economy as well as in international affairs, and the railroads are in the middle of one now. Survival is the issue. There are practical measures industry leadership can take to better assure survival until Socialism's popularity wanes. 43

A SPECIAL REPORT on the Quebec, North Shore & Labrador—in which two *Railway Age* editors tell why the world's newest heavy-duty railroad was needed, how it was built, and how it is operated. 44

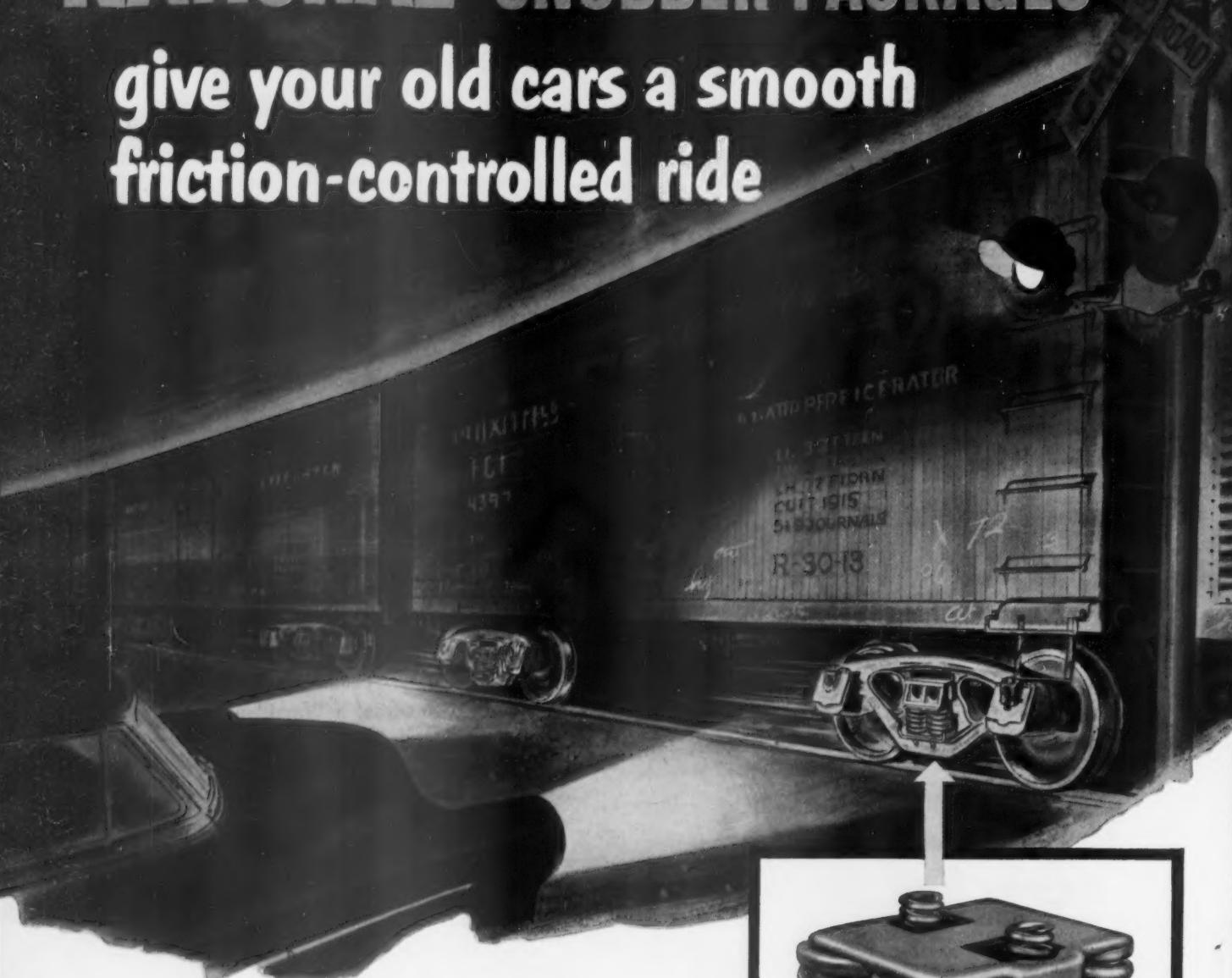
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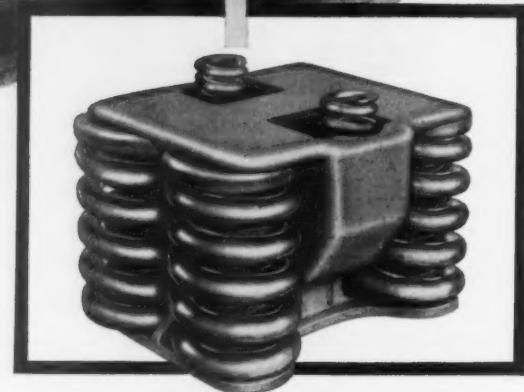
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1953	6,253,221,966
Operating expenses, seven months	
1954	\$ 4,316,285,150
1953	4,724,355,127
Taxes, seven months	
1954	\$ 509,494,449
1953	749,901,499
Net railway operating income, seven months	
1954	\$ 416,325,817
1953	643,223,357
Net income, estimated, seven months	
1954	\$ 272,000,000
1953	490,000,000
Average price railroad stocks	
September 28, 1954	70.49
September 29, 1953	58.21
Carloadings, revenue freight	
Thirty-eight weeks, 1954	24,320,957
Thirty-eight weeks, 1953	28,246,721
Average daily freight car surplus	
Week ended Sept. 25, 1954	65,719
Week ended Sept. 26, 1953	8,383
Average daily freight car shortage	
Week ended Sept. 25, 1954	1,467
Week ended Sept. 26, 1953	3,769
Freight cars on order	
September 1, 1954	13,013
September 1, 1953	45,735

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## B R I E F S

New York Central's piggyback operation contemplating special terminal facilities, with flat cars to be leased from Rail Trailer Company, and originally scheduled to start this fall, has been "held in abeyance" for further study.

IC Commissioner Clarke, who is also director of DTA, hopes the railroads and refrigerator car lines will increase their ownership of reefers "to the greatest possible extent." At the same time he is advising shippers of perishables that they should give the railroads "reasonable assurance" that traffic will be available to warrant making the large capital expenditures involved.

Alleghany Corporation, contending before the ICC that its New York Central holdings justify continuing its status as a carrier, for purpose of regulation, is opposed by the Securities & Exchange Commission, which would like to assume jurisdiction again over Alleghany's financial transactions. The SEC claims that Alleghany's rail holdings now account for only 16% of its assets.

Canadian "Crow's Nest Pass rates," politically dictated low tariffs for grain and grain products moving by rail, may have some of their sting removed. At least the federal government is said to plan a proposal to the next Parliament for subsidies to the Canadian railroads to help offset the effects of the artificially reduced rates.

Different termination dates for daylight time are giving several railroads some scheduling headaches. Especially hard hit are the New Haven and the Boston & Maine, as some New England states are keeping "summer time" in effect a month longer than others.

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Addressing the annual meeting of the Associated Traffic Clubs of America, Mr. Holding added that because of Equitable's "great faith" in the future of railroads, the company, over the past 15 years, has become the largest single railroad investor. "This was done during and since the late 1930's," he continued, "when the pessimists in the industry were scaring many institutions away from railroad securities."

**Not Luck**—Equitable "didn't become the largest investor in an off-hand manner, nor was it a matter of luck," Mr. Holding went on. "We did it after making a complete study of the industry and its problems and after deciding that the railroads of the country were the cheapest and most efficient mass producers of trans-

portation for all kinds of commodities and were indispensable to the nation. Within only five years (1937-42) we increased our railroad investment \$390,000,000 at a time when big blocks of rail bonds were practically being thrown at us at bargain prices."

Mr. Holding, discussing acquisition of new rolling stock, which he described as a major railroad problem, said that since March 1950, when Equitable announced its lease-purchase plan, the company has financed under it 20,517 freight cars and 309 diesel units, costing a total of about \$162,000,000.

**Piggyback**—Eugene F. Ryan, president of the Rail-Trailer Company, presented the meeting with arguments to support the piggyback plan advanced by his firm: Railroad hauling of trailers of motor common carriers.

Leading off with a blast at a *Railway Age* editorial of September 20, on how best to avoid government ownership of railroads, Mr. Ryan suggested it was "going to extremes to hold out the prospect of dire disaster." Emphasizing that the competitive struggle between railroads has gone too far, he criticized, by implication,

the railroad reduction of rates on steel and a recent proposal in Ohio to cut coal rates. Mr. Ryan said that, if applied on a national basis, the latter proposal would cost railroads over \$100,000,000.

**New Officers**—The following new officers of the ATCA were elected: President, L. A. Pomeroy, Jr., traffic manager, National Malleable & Steel Castings Co.; executive vice-president, Frank O'Neill, general traffic manager, Minnesota Mining & Manufacturing Co.; secretary, Raymond DeGroot, general western freight agent, Luckenbach Steamship Corporation; treasurer, R. P. Yellen, general agent, Norfolk & Western; vice-president—education & research, G. Lloyd Wilson, professor of transportation and public utilities, University of Pennsylvania.

### 4th Quarter Loadings Seen Down 8.6%

A reduction of 8.6% in freight car loadings in the fourth quarter this year, compared with the same period in 1953, has been predicted by the 13 regional Shippers Advisory Boards.

On the basis of the estimate, loadings of the 32 principal commodities will be 6,519,232 cars in the fourth quarter of 1954, compared with 7,132,329 actual carloadings in the corresponding quarter last year.

Twelve of the boards estimated re-



**DELAWARE & HUDSON OFFICERS** attended a recent two-hour briefing on diesel locomotive operation and maintenance at Colonie, N. Y., in the American Locomotive Company's traveling diesel instruction car. Although technical courses have been presented to over 40,000 railroaders on 40 railroads in the U. S., Canada and Mexico since the "school on wheels" was placed in

service in May 1951, this was said to be the first time a group of key executives from any railroad has attended such a class. Among D&H officers present were G. D. Hughey, vice-president and general manager; W. L. Lentz, superintendent of equipment; R. D. Cummings, purchasing agent; A. N. Gambichler, master mechanic; R. H. Ely, general auditor; and A. C. Allen, general diesel supervisor.

SHIPPERS ADVISORY BOARDS	ESTIMATED LOADINGS FOURTH QUARTER 1954	ACTUAL LOADINGS FOURTH QUARTER 1953	PER CENT DECREASE
New England	107,270	107,413	0.13
Atlantic States	663,729	718,240	7.6
Allegheny	725,380	838,436	13.5
Ohio Valley	759,129	866,178	12.4
Southeast	908,352	924,375	1.7
Great Lakes	443,365	510,822	13.2
Central Western	269,353	283,776	5.1
Mid-West	797,207	842,743	5.4
Northwest	371,949	544,140	31.6
Trans-Missouri-Kansas	351,125	363,255	3.3
Southwest	493,752	503,718	1.97
Pacific Coast	358,531	382,171	6.2
Pacific Northwest	270,070	247,062	9.3 Inc.
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>6,519,232</b>	<b>7,132,329</b>	<b>8.6</b>

ductions. The Pacific Northwest board was the only one to estimate an increase.

The accompanying tabulation shows

estimated loadings for the 1954 fourth quarter and actual loadings in the fourth quarter of 1953, and the percentage of change.

## Operations

### RR Emergency Role Declines

**E. G. Plowman** says slow relative growth of RRs, plus measures taken to meet competition, have cut their former ability to expand

Our railroads will not provide, in any future emergency period, as large a proportion of wartime domestic transportation as they provided in World Wars I and II, E.G. Plowman, vice-president and general traffic manager, U.S. Steel Corporation, said in New York September 16.

Mr. Plowman, addressing a luncheon of the Transportation Section of the New York Board of Trade, said that, since World War II, development of other types and modes of transportation "has far outpaced our slower growing railroad common carriers." The ability of U.S. railroads to accomplish the "transportation miracle" of the two World Wars, he added, derived from the reserve capacity of the railroad industry.

"It is this reserve capacity," Mr. Plowman went on, "that is being reduced by the decline in size of our railroads as compared to the growth of the United States. At the same time other forms of transportation have experienced rapid expansion."

**Effect of Competition**—In addition to the factor of relatively slow growth, the speaker continued, measures taken by railroads to remain competitive have reduced, to some extent, their former ability to expand their operations. As an example he cited the trend toward a smaller fleet of freight and passenger cars, operated over a reduced number of miles of track, with fewer locomotives, and under more efficient conditions. "In any future war emergency, this reduction in equipment, motive power and track will have to be accepted as a factor lessening to some degree railroad flexibility."

Mr. Plowman said some of the loss

in excess capacity of railroads, plus their slight loss of flexibility, can be met in any future military emergency by other forms of domestic transportation. The effect of the slow decline in relative importance of our railroads, he emphasized, "is not for me to evaluate. It is a proper subject for study by our government agencies, both civilian and military. Perhaps our government will decide that, in the interest of national defense, the present level of our reservoir of excess railroad capacity should be maintained. Government may decide that this reservoir should be increased in various ways, for example, by signal improvement, freight and passenger car construction, or construction of modern hump yards, and that the government should encourage and assist railroads to do it."

### NSSTC Plans 90-Day Test of LCL Traffic

Meeting in Chicago, September 22-24, the National Small Shipments Traffic Conference moved to put in motion a 90-day test to solve the old "Chicken-and-egg" problem of which comes first—more regular merchandise cars or more LCL tonnage. Railroads operating package cars will be asked to cooperate in this study, which is under direction of Harry F. Gillis, executive vice-president of the NSSTC, and H. A. Rice, assistant traffic manager of the J. C. Penney Company.

Conference officers will write appropriate railroad presidents and merchandise managers for a list of merchandise cars now operated from Chicago, St. Louis, Cleveland, Detroit,

Toledo, Indianapolis, Louisville, Buffalo, Pittsburgh, Columbus, and Cincinnati.

They will ask that railroads continue to operate those cars as scheduled for 90 days, regardless of tonnage; to unload and deliver promptly; to give the merchandise service all possible support through advertising and solicitation of traffic; and to furnish to the Washington office of the NSSTC a periodic performance record of each car. Railroads that cooperate will have full support of the conference.

**Performance records** will be used as a guide in working out a suggested routing plan for LCL shipments—similar to the Louisville Shippers Plan—which would extend over the whole country. This plan was proposed and discussed at a special meeting last April.

The September meeting also adopted a resolution approving reduced rates on volume LCL shipments of 5,000 lb or more. The resolution stated that the reduced rates would attract more LCL traffic, thus permitting heavier loads for regular scheduled merchandise cars, so they could be handled "more profitably for the carriers and more expeditiously for the public."

J. A. Winzenried, general traffic manager, Devoe & Reynolds Co., Louisville, was elected as first president of the NSSTC at the Chicago meeting. George O. Griffith, director of traffic, American Home Products Corporation, New York steps down as chairman, formerly the chief officer of the conference.

Other newly elected officers are: Vice-president, Walter K. Cabot, traffic manager, Johnson & Johnson, New Brunswick, N. J.; treasurer, Spencer Hughes, traffic manager, McClellan Stores, New York; and secretary, Frank Cohen, traffic manager, Coast-to-Coast Stores, Minneapolis.

### IC WINS UNUSUAL SUIT FOR DAMAGES

The Illinois Central won an unusual suit and was awarded \$124,300 in damages—virtually all it sought—by a McCracken County (Ky.) circuit court jury. The case directly reversed the traditional situation in which a motorist strikes an overpass abutment and sues the railroad for placing an obstruction in his way.

In this case a bulldozer, being carried on a flatbed highway trailer, struck the abutment of an IC bridge near Childs, Ky. The force of the blow threw the tracks out of line and resulted in subsequent derailment of 23 cars in a freight train. Defendants were the driver of the truck and the owner, S. G. Oberling, Evansville, Ind.

The jury award—highest ever granted by that court—followed nearly three years of litigation.



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### TV in SP Yard

Use of industrial television as "extra eyes," to aid in watching freight car movements and general switching operations over a large area, is the aim of TV tests now being conducted by the Southern Pacific in one of its yards at Los Angeles. The experimental TV setup includes two cameras—one wide lens and one telescopic lens mounted on a special structure atop the general yardmaster's large-windored tower, 60 ft above track level—and also one TV viewer installed at the desk of the terminal superintendent.

Over the TV viewer the terminal superintendent or general yardmaster gets a wide picture of yard activities in a 40-track area where freight trains are made up. Pressing a button brings in a picture from the telescopic lens, giving him a closeup of yard operations 2,000 ft away. He can see obstructions, or defects on cars, and spot safety violations or vandalism. Five or six cameras are proposed in a permanent installation which could cover a two-mile long railroad yard from every angle. Cameras housed in all-weather boxes fitted with automatic temperature controls and windshield wipers would be remotely controlled, from a panel beside the 10-in. viewer, to swing from side to side or focus on chosen areas.

## Figures of the Week

### Freight Car Loadings

Loadings of revenue freight in the week ended September 25 totaled 710,215 cars, the Association of American Railroads announced on September 30.

### ACTUAL AND ESTIMATED GROSS CAPITAL EXPENDITURES OF CLASS I LINE-HAUL RAILROADS—1953 AND 1954

Period	Number of roads	Road Thousands	Equipment Thousands	Total Thousands
Actual 1953:				
1st half .....	130	\$179,905	\$464,026	\$ 643,931
2nd half .....	130	221,996	393,867	615,863
Year .....	130	401,901	857,893	1,259,794
Actual 1954:				
1st half .....	130	154,308	321,083	475,391
Estimated 1954:				
3rd quarter .....	126	88,322	101,155	189,477
4th quarter .....	126	76,832	64,428	141,260
2nd half .....	126	165,154	165,583	330,737
Total: 1954 actual and estimated .....		319,462	486,666	806,128
Percent of change:				
1st half 1954 vs. 1st half 1953 .....		-14.2	-30.8	-26.2
2nd half 1954 (Est.) vs. 2nd half 1953 .....		-25.6	-58.0	-46.3
Year 1954 (actual and estimated) vs. 1953 .....		-20.5	-43.3	-36.0

—From the September 14, 1954, "Monthly Comment," published by the Bureau of Transport Economics and Statistics, Interstate Commerce Commission.

This was a decrease of 1,013 cars, or 0.1 per cent, compared with the previous week; a decrease of 109,494 cars, or 13.4 per cent, compared with the corresponding week last year; and a decrease of 151,850 cars, or 17.6 per cent, compared with the equivalent 1952 week.

Loadings of revenue freight for the week ended September 18 totaled 711,228 cars; the summary for that week, compiled by the Car Service Division, A.A.R., follows:

REVENUE FREIGHT CAR LOADINGS For the week ended Saturday, September 18				
District	1954	1953	1952	
Eastern .....	111,052	138,887	143,161	
Allegheny .....	123,921	159,749	172,544	
Pocahontas .....	51,065	59,250	67,876	
Southern .....	123,118	130,067	135,753	
Northwestern .....	117,427	141,602	152,625	
Central Western .....	125,142	130,602	136,443	
Southwestern .....	59,503	63,726	65,194	
Total Western Districts .....	302,072	335,930	354,262	
Total All Roads .....	711,228	823,883	873,596	

Commodities:				
Grain and grain products .....	51,383	51,876	47,621	
Livestock .....	13,261	11,952	12,963	
Coal .....	118,517	138,836	171,365	
Coke .....	7,181	12,528	14,687	
Forest products .....	43,134	46,390	46,113	
Ore .....	61,566	89,899	98,690	
Merchandise l.c.l. ....	63,866	70,270	74,852	
Miscellaneous .....	352,320	402,132	407,305	
September 18 .....	711,228	823,883	873,596	
September 11 .....	601,525	710,554	881,291	
September 4 .....	688,492	799,080	746,882	
August 28 .....	676,616	818,461	727,360	
August 21 .....	678,624	817,446	834,229	
Cumulative total 38 weeks .....	24,320,957	28,246,721	27,155,831	

In Canada.—Carloadings for the

seven-day period ended September 14 totaled 79,884 cars, compared with 64,770 cars for the previous seven-day period, according to the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

	Total Cars Revenu Cars from Cars Loaded	Rec'd from Con- nections
Totals for Canada:		
September 14, 1954 .....	79,884	23,506
September 14, 1953 .....	63,808	31,998
Cumulative Totals:		
September 14, 1954 .....	2,538,316	2,800,305
September 14, 1953 .....	1,002,920	1,162,370

### Gross Still Fails to Keep Pace with National Income

Railroad operating revenues failed again in 1953 to keep pace with national income. They amounted to 3.54 cents per dollar of national income as compared with 3.68 cents in 1952.

These and like figures back through 1939 were presented by the Interstate Commerce Commission's Bureau of Transport Economics and Statistics in its latest "Monthly Comment."

The 1939 figure was 5.57 cents while 1942's was 5.48 cents, the latter reflecting a brief comeback from 1941's 5.17 cents. The figures since 1942 (with the exception of 1947's) reflect what the bureau called "an uninterrupted and marked downward trend."

Last year's figure for ton-miles of revenue freight per capita was also down—3,815 as compared with 1952's

### UNIT COST OF FUEL PURCHASED—CLASS I ROADS

INDEX 1946=100

	Coal f.o.b. mines Cost per net ton	Fuel oil Cost per barrel	Diesel fuel Cost per gallon	Electric current* Cost per k.w. hour
June 1946	\$3.22	100.0	100.0	0.884¢
1947	3.40	105.6	135.2	0.975
1948	4.34	134.8	239	1.142
1949	4.34	134.8	109.8	1.191
1950	4.43	137.6	123.8	1.292
1951	4.61	143.2	150.0	1.347
1952	4.56	141.6	133.6	1.401
1953	4.78	148.4	132.0	1.460
1954	4.44	137.9	143.4	1.538

\* Used for yard and train power.

—From the September 14, 1954, issue of "Monthly Comment," published by the Bureau of Transport Economics and Statistics, Interstate Commerce Commission.

3,935. The 1953 figure was 49% above 1939's 2,560 but 28.9% below wartime 1944's 5,363.

## Law & Regulation

### ICC Bureau Says Transit Should Get Better Policing

The Interstate Commerce Commission's Bureau of Inquiry and Compliance has found indications that the railroads' present methods of transit policing "leave something to be desired."

The indications were turned up in a "preliminary survey" made by the ICC bureau. It covered operations of three railroad weighing and inspection bureaus—Southern, Eastern, and Western. ICC Secretary Laird transmitted a portion of the survey report to carriers, suggesting that they would be "interested," since "the commission and the courts have held that the responsibility for policing transit arrangements rests with the carriers."

The report said that there had recently come to the attention of the ICC bureau two instances in which the policing of transit arrangements "failed to prevent unauthorized manipulation of billing and substitution of commodities." Prosecution has been recommended in one of those cases while

the other is still under consideration, the report added. It went on to make this further comment:

"These situations . . . indicate that the present methods of transit policing leave something to be desired. Probably some of the difficulty with transit is traceable to ambiguous language of the transit tariffs but, nevertheless, and this is also the consensus of several of our special agents, there are not enough railroad and inspection bureau employees assigned to police adequately transit arrangements or privileges authorized by the carriers' tariffs. Further, the transit inspectors or other transit policing employees have numerous additional duties which impede, delay, or prevent proper and effective policing of transit privileges."

### WILLIAM WHITE ELECTED D&H PRESIDENT—STILL FAVORS PIGGYBACK

William White—who left the presidency of the New York Central last June, following a proxy fight with Robert R. Young and associates, in which the latter were the victors—has been elected president of the Delaware & Hudson Co., effective October 1, succeeding Joseph H. Nuelle, who becomes chairman of the board. The D&H is a holding company which owns all the capital stock of the Delaware & Hudson Railroad Corp. and the Hudson Coal Company. Mr. White and Mr. Nuelle also have been elected president and chairman, respectively, of the railroad corporation.

In talking to newspapermen on September 29, when his new connection was announced, Mr. White said: "I am delighted to become president of such a fine company as the D&H which Mr. Nuelle has brought to a high state of efficiency and the debt of which he has so substantially reduced during his incumbency. I am also delighted that he will remain as chairman and assist in the most pressing problem of endeavoring to increase anthracite tonnage. My job will be to see that the D&H is able to continue its dividend of \$1 quarterly and increase it if possible. To that end I will do everything possible to increase D&H's volume of traffic."

Asked whether he had any plans for consolidating the Delaware & Hudson with connecting carriers to form a major system, Mr. White denied any such plans. "However," he added, "you have seen where Don Fraser, president of the M-K-T, has advocated end-to-end consolidations (*Railway Age*, September 20, page 63). You may say that I agree with him." Mr. White recalled that, several years ago, when he was president of the Lackawanna, he had some informal conversations with people representing the Boston & Maine, Delaware & Hudson and Nickel Plate, regarding possible consolidation of these

properties. Nothing came of these talks at the time, he said, because the D&H people were not interested.

Some reporters endeavored to induce the new D&H president to disclose what his salary would be in his new position. His reply was: "You may say that I will be at least as well compensated as I was when I was with the Lackawanna."

stantial part of this highway traffic back on the rails, to the advantage of both the railroad and the truck operators. He said he had no objection to dealing with truckers. "If they want to put traffic on the railroad, then I consider them customers and I welcome their business."

He was asked whether he would provide this service for common carrier truckers on the D&H and his answer was: "That will depend upon what our connections are willing to do."

Mr. Nuelle is 73 years old and Mr. White is 57. Mr. Nuelle became president of the Delaware & Hudson in 1938, when he succeeded the late L. F. Loree. Prior thereto he had been president of the New York, Ontario & Western; and of the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co. and its subsidiaries, including the Lehigh & New England Railroad. He was educated at Dartmouth and Princeton, from which latter university he was graduated in 1906. He started his railroad career in the engineering department of the Pennsylvania and went to the NY&W the following year.

Mr. White started railroading directly from high school, in August 1913, and had a record of uninterrupted railroad service until last June 14. He was with the Erie until 1938, when he went to the Virginian, and became president of the Lackawanna in 1941. He went to the New York Central as its president in August 1952, and had been in that position only about a year and a half when Robert R. Young presented his demands to the then directorate of the railroad. In the ensuing proxy contest, Mr. White became the champion of the existing board and consistently refused any compromise with the Young group.

On again entering active railroading Mr. White said: "One conclusion I have reached this summer is this: That I favor a three-months' vacation for every railroad man after 40 years' service."



William White

Asked his opinion on so-called piggybacking—whether in providing this service railroads should offer it to common carrier truckers or provide it themselves—Mr. White said he was strongly in favor of offering the service to common carrier truckers. "Here again," he said, "I agree with Don Fraser."

He called attention to the substantial reduction, compared to 20 years ago, in traffic on the Boston & Albany and New York Central lines east. He said that this traffic was still in existence, but was moving by highway. He added that, when he was with the New York Central, he had favored providing piggyback service for common carriers—as, in his opinion, the most likely means of getting a sub-

As to "ambiguous language" in the transit tariffs, Director A. Henry Walker of the ICC bureau revealed, in his recent address to the AAR Treasury Division, that he was about ready to recommend to the commission that it request the railroads to publish clarifying revisions of both transit and demurrage tariffs. (*Railway Age*, September 20, page 71.)

The bureau's preliminary survey also covered transit arrangements maintained by common-carrier truckers. It was found that the truckers have established only a "few" transit arrangements; and that such arrangements, "do not provide for any policing worthy of the name."

### **Ease Regulation, Or Else Equalize It—Bowditch**

"The time is rapidly approaching when shippers and public must face one of two choices. They must either say that regulation of existing carriers must be eased, or else regulation must be extended to carriers not now covered," Richard L. Bowditch, chairman of the board of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, said at a joint meeting of the Chicago Association of Commerce & Industry and the Traffic Club of Chicago, held September 21 to mark the 50th anniversary of the Chicago association.

Mr. Bowditch shared the speakers' rostrum with Kenneth F. Burgess, Chicago attorney and civic leader, who cited the growth of the city and its transportation system during the past

50 years to highlight the luncheon meeting's theme, "Fifty Fabulous Years of Transportation and Industry." At the close of his talk, Mr. Burgess asked caution to "preserve all these different forms of transportation in full force and vigor. We must see that competition is fair so one form does not, through unnatural and artificial advantages, destroy another form."

**Protection or Freedom**—Mr. Bowditch, after stating the choice which shippers and public must face, went on to say that "the national well-being and security demands that we maintain a strong, balanced transportation system. This means common carriers must either be protected from unfair competition—or they must be given freedom to compete."

He saw "significance" and "something good" coming out of the recently appointed special Cabinet committee appointed by President Eisenhower to make broad recommendations on national transportation policy and organization. He also touched upon section 22 of the Interstate Commerce Act (under which carriers may offer special reduced rates for government traffic), citing reductions granted on all types of military and civilian traffic—"sometimes 70% below tariff rates." Mr. Bowditch said; adding that "if we want fair regulation, with each group paying its own share of the burden, then we must amend section 22 to stop this completely unregulated practice of rate cutting among carriers."

**Deficit Trains**—Turning to the passenger-train deficit problem, Mr. Bowditch termed required operation

of unprofitable services unfair, and a matter which state utility commissions seem to understand, but are reluctant to act upon. "The national chamber of commerce is a strong believer in states rights," he said. "It hesitates to advocate anything that would rob states of their powers and transfer them to the federal government. But what are we going to do when state regulatory bodies absolutely refuse to permit abandonments of unprofitable service even in the face of conclusive evidence that such service is an undue burden on interstate commerce?

"There's need for some means of appeal to a higher authority. That's why the national chamber now takes the position that the Interstate Commerce Commission should have this authority, but *only* after state authorities have either failed to act within a reasonable time or have denied the carrier's request."

## **Competitive Transport**

### **L.I.-New London Ferry Not Needed, ICC Rules**

The Interstate Commerce Commission has denied the application of Remsen Lines for authority to provide Long Island-New England ferry service for truckers as a means of bypassing New York City. The Commission ruled that the applicant had not proved there



**MEMBERS OF THE ASSOCIATION OF RAILROAD ADVERTISING MANAGERS** recently completed an educational tour of the west, during which several business sessions were conducted. A portion of the group is

shown shortly after arrival at Las Vegas, Nev. Membership of the association, founded in 1922, includes advertising executives from railroads in the U.S., Canada and Mexico. Leo A. Brown, president of the association

and director of advertising and public relations for the Wabash, was in charge of the tour, which is made every other year. This year's tour host was Horace B. Northcott, general advertising manager of the Union Pacific.

was "immediate and urgent" need for any service that could not be provided by existing carriers. The ferry service would have connected New London, Conn., and Orient, L. I.

## Rails to State Position In Airmail Experiment

Airlines were given another year to test the "first-class-mail-by-air" experiment in a Civil Aeronautics Board order effective October 1. However, the same order admitted the railroads as intervenors in a new proceeding instituted by the CAB to set final rates for the service.

In effect, the CAB order granted requests of all but one airline providing the service between New York and Chicago; Washington and Chicago; and Jacksonville, Fla., Tampa and Miami, and Washington, New York and Chicago. They had sought to have the trial extended a year past its original expiration date of September 30.

The order went further, though, by instituting the proceeding to establish final rates as of October 1, 1955, "or on such prior date as may be fixed and determined." Gregory S. Prince, attorney for the railroads and assistant general counsel, Association of American Railroads, said the roads plan no protest against the order but will raise all the issues presented in their petition to intervene (*Railway Age*, September 20, page 9).

shortly after the Canadian Pacific and Canadian National had reduced rates on certain commodities moving between the two cities in box cars and railroad-operated trailers-on-flat-cars (*Railway Age*, September 27, page 7). Ontario truckers, who do not need approval to change rates, already have lowered their tariffs.

## Labor & Wages

### Rail Retirement Board Job Shuffle Opposed

Railway labor has protested to the Civil Service Commission a proposed reclassification of 10 key positions on the Railroad Retirement Board. The jobs range from a liaison representative post to that of chief executive officer.

In a petition filed by their attorney, Robert T. Murphy, the Railway Labor Executives' Association and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers, declared the reclassification would set a "bad precedent." The classification switch would remove the 10 jobs from Civil Service roles and make them appointive.

The retirement board voted two-to-one for the reclassification with Chairman Raymond Kelly and F. C. Squire, railroad representative, voting for, and Horace W. Harper, labor member, against. The Civil Service Commission must pass on the proposal.

the compulsory retirement rule until the end of the term involved.

That theory is substantially the same as the one embodied in the legal opinion on which Commissioner J. Monroe Johnson has relied in his successful resistance to White House efforts to oust him. The Johnson case, however, is different in that the colonel, now 76 years old, was appointed by former President Truman to his present term (which ends December 31, 1955) after he was 70. Moreover, the legal theory did not get a court test, since the White House has seemingly abandoned its undertaking to oust the colonel.

**Patterson Case**—The case of former Commissioner William J. Patterson was more nearly on "all fours" with the Mahaffie case; but there, again, the White House (in the Truman administration) backed away from the legal issue. When Mr. Patterson became 70 on June 4, 1950, he was serving a term which ran through December 31, 1952. No exemption order came in timely fashion from the White House, but Mr. Patterson sat tight, even though his uncertain status resulted in his salary being stopped as of June 30, 1950.

Within a short while, President Truman issued an executive order exempting Mr. Patterson from the compulsory-retirement rule, as of July 1, 1950, and until the end of his term. So the legal issue was avoided. It was not raised in the case of former Commissioner Walter M. W. Splawn, who became 70 on June 16, 1953 while serving a term which ran through December 31, 1954. Dr. Splawn submitted his resignation, effective as of his "compulsory-retirement" date — June 30, 1953.

**Mahaffie Called "Tops"**—Discussions of the Mahaffie case in railroad circles point up the great respect in which the commissioner is held, and the hope of railroad men generally that he will be kept on the job. In such discussions, the appraisals of Mr. Mahaffie call him "tops" as a commissioner and an "outstanding public servant."

Such appraisals appear to have no basis in thoughts that Mr. Mahaffie is "railroad-minded." They seem bottomed on a widespread feeling that he has a background and judicial approach which have blended to endow him with the "ideal" disposition for a regulator. One high-placed railroad officer has said he knows of no important railroad executive who does not favor Mr. Mahaffie's continuance on the commission.

**White House "Tough"**—Meanwhile, however, all indications are to the effect that the White House has become most reluctant to grant exemptions from the retirement-at-70 rule. Presumably, also, the administration's political strategists would like to see something done about demands that one of the "Democratic" places on the commission be given to an "Ike Democrat." Thus, Mr. Mahaffie's tenure after December 31 might well

## Organizations

Next monthly dinner meeting of the **New York Railroad Club** will be held October 14 in the Century Room of the Hotel Commodore, New York. Guest speaker will be George E. Sokolsky, newspaper columnist.

N. N. Baily, vice-president and general manager of the Jersey Central Lines, will speak at a meeting of the **Eastern Car Foreman's Association**, in the Engineering Societies Building, New York, at 7:45 p.m., October 8.

## Rates & Fares

### Truckers Want Lower Montreal-Toronto Rates

The Quebec Transport Board has been asked by the Quebec Automotive Transport Association to approve lower rates for freight moving by truck between Montreal and Toronto.

The Quebec truckers' request came

## People in the News

### Mahaffie Age Poses Question of Continuance

Interstate Commerce Commissioner Charles D. Mahaffie will become 70 years of age December 5, and that is prompting speculation as to prospects for his continuance in office after the end of the year.

The general requirement of the federal retirement rule is that government employees must retire at the end of the month in which they become 70, unless they are exempt by Presidential order. In the Mahaffie case, however, there is a legal question as to whether he would require a Presidential exemption order to continue in office until the end of his present term, which runs through December 31, 1958.

**Legal Question**—That question is based on a contention that, when the President appoints a person to a specific term which runs through that person's 70th birthday, the President is presumed to have known the appointee's age. Thus, it is argued, the appointment carries the exemption from

depend upon his disposition to remain on the job, taking the legal position which was posed, but not tested, by the Patterson case.

The commissioner thus far has remained silent about the whole situation. Persons close to him have indicated that he would, perhaps, like to remain on the job if a Presidential order exempting him from the retirement rule were forthcoming. At the same time, he is reported to have received no communication from the White House on the matter. It is also reported that he has not yet made up his mind as to what, if anything, he might do in the way of making a "fuss" about staying in the absence of an exemption order.

Mr. Mahaffie has been a member of the commission since 1930, when he was appointed by former President Hoover as a career man. He had been director of the commission's Bureau of Finance from 1922.

## Hall Appointed Director Of Locomotive Inspection

John A. Hall, who has been serving as special assistant to the grand chief engineer of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, has been appointed

by President Eisenhower to the position of director of locomotive inspection, Interstate Commerce Commission.

It is an interim appointment, while Congress is not in session, Senate confirmation being required for permanent tenure in the position. It was also a surprise appointment, since none had been expected so soon after the President withdrew his nomination of Charles H. Grossman for the position. (*Railway Age*, August 16, page 8.)

## New Facilities

### L&N-NC&StL Dedicate New Radnor Yard

Radnor yard, new \$15-million, 56-track joint facility of the Louisville & Nashville and the Nashville, Chattanooga & St. Louis near Nashville, Tenn., was formally dedicated September 22. John E. Tilford, president of the L&N, and chairman of the executive committee of the NC&StL, presided at the dedication ceremonies, which were witnessed by some 75 financiers and industrialists from the

north, east and midwest who were guests of an L&N "Sell the South" tour.

The ceremonies included an address of welcome by Beverly Briley, judge of Davidson county, in which Radnor is located; presentation of the new yard "for public service" by A. L. M. Wiggins, chairman of the board of the L&N; and its acceptance, on behalf of the public, by Hammond Fowler, chairman of the Tennessee Railroad & Public Utilities Commission; and on behalf of shippers by E. C. Tompkins, manager of the Neuhoff Packing Company. G. T. Austin, yard foreman, Nashville Terminals, spoke on behalf of employees.

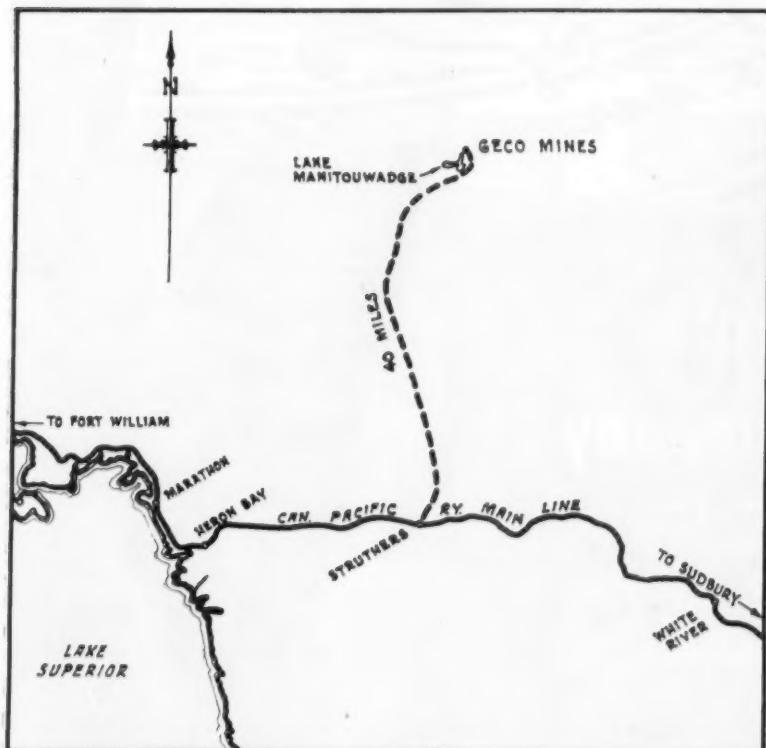
"The cost of this yard has, for the most part, been paid out of retained earnings of these railroads," said Mr. Wiggins, who predicted the annual return on their investment would exceed 16%. He also announced that, "Of the 800 acres of land acquired for this project, a substantial acreage will be available for industrial development"; and added: "Consolidation at Radnor yard of operations formerly carried on in the old yards in the heart of Nashville makes possible the utilization of a most valuable property for business and industrial use to meet the growing needs of the city."

A feature article about various aspects of the new yard will be published in an early issue of *Railway Age*.

**Illinois Central.**—The Interstate Commerce Commission has approved this road's application for authority to construct an extension of its line at Louisville, Ky., to provide direct service to the Paddy's Run plant of the Louisville Gas & Electric Co. and a plant of the National Carbide Corporation. The application was opposed by the Kentucky & Indiana Terminal and its owner-railroads. The terminal company currently provides switching and terminal services to the two plants. The extension consists of about two miles of track including siding and storage track.

**Rock Island.**—Renovation of underpasses at 55th and 57th streets, Chicago, is being carried out by F. K. Kettler Company at a cost of \$79,450. The work includes repairing of steel, waterproofing and conversion to ballasted deck. At Kansas City, Mo., a new underpass being erected at Manchester road by List & Weatherly Construction Co., at cost of \$26,000, involves a concrete substructure and erection of two 55-ft deck-plate girder spans. The company also is building concrete substructure and erecting three wide-flange beam spans at Antelope, Kan., at a cost of \$42,800.

**Southern Pacific.**—Enlarging and retimbering a 3,610-ft tunnel near Cuesta, Cal., has been completed and the company soon will begin installation. (*Continued on page 16*)



CANADIAN PACIFIC'S new 40-mile branch from Struthers, Ont., to Geco (*Railway Age*, September 27, page 12), will aid development of promising mineral discoveries in the Manitouwadge Lake area. The region also

has considerable stands of pulpwood. The CPR already has earmarked \$900,000 for the new branch, of which \$800,000 is for grading, and \$100,000 for clearing. Estimated total cost of the line has not been revealed.

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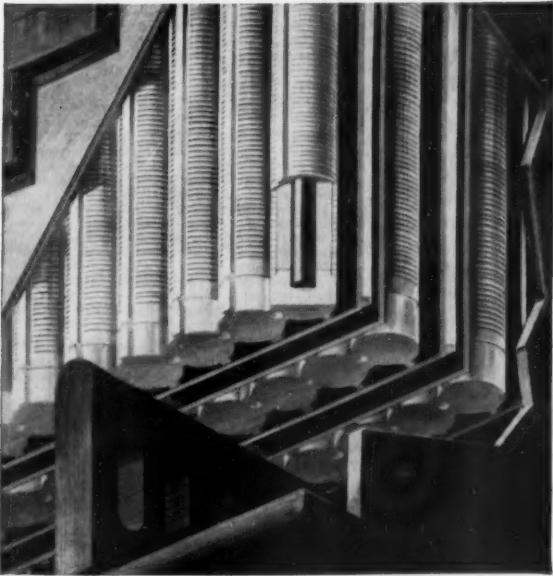
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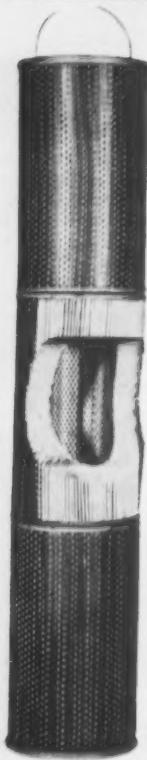
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## New Facilities

(Continued from page 13)

tion of continuous reinforced concrete lining in the first 640-ft section at the west end. Estimated cost of this lining job exceeds \$200,000. The company expects to continue the concreting work until the entire tunnel is lined.

**Western Maryland.**—Construction of two new warehouses and relocation of the passenger station—first phase in redevelopment of the WM's Hillen Terminal at Baltimore—has begun. The new passenger station is almost completed. Warehouse No. 1 will be 70 ft by 600 ft and will be divided into four sections, each of about 10,000 sq ft. The elevation of the warehouse's reinforced concrete floor will match that of floors of freight cars and motor trucks. Twenty doors are to be provided on the truck side and eight on the track side. Warehouse No. 2 will be similar in design, but its length will be 500 ft. Layout provides for three tracks between the two warehouses for railroad freight. The present turntable will be removed and the pit filled, permitting the enginehouse to be leased.

## Securities

### Authorizations

**APACHE.**—To issue 3,000 shares of 5%, \$100-per-preferred stock and \$600,000 of 4% first-mortgage serial refunding bonds in exchange for \$900,000 of 5% income bonds. Dated July 1, 1954, the new bonds would mature in 20 equal installments of \$30,000 each beginning June 30, 1955. (*Railway Age*, August 30, page 10.)

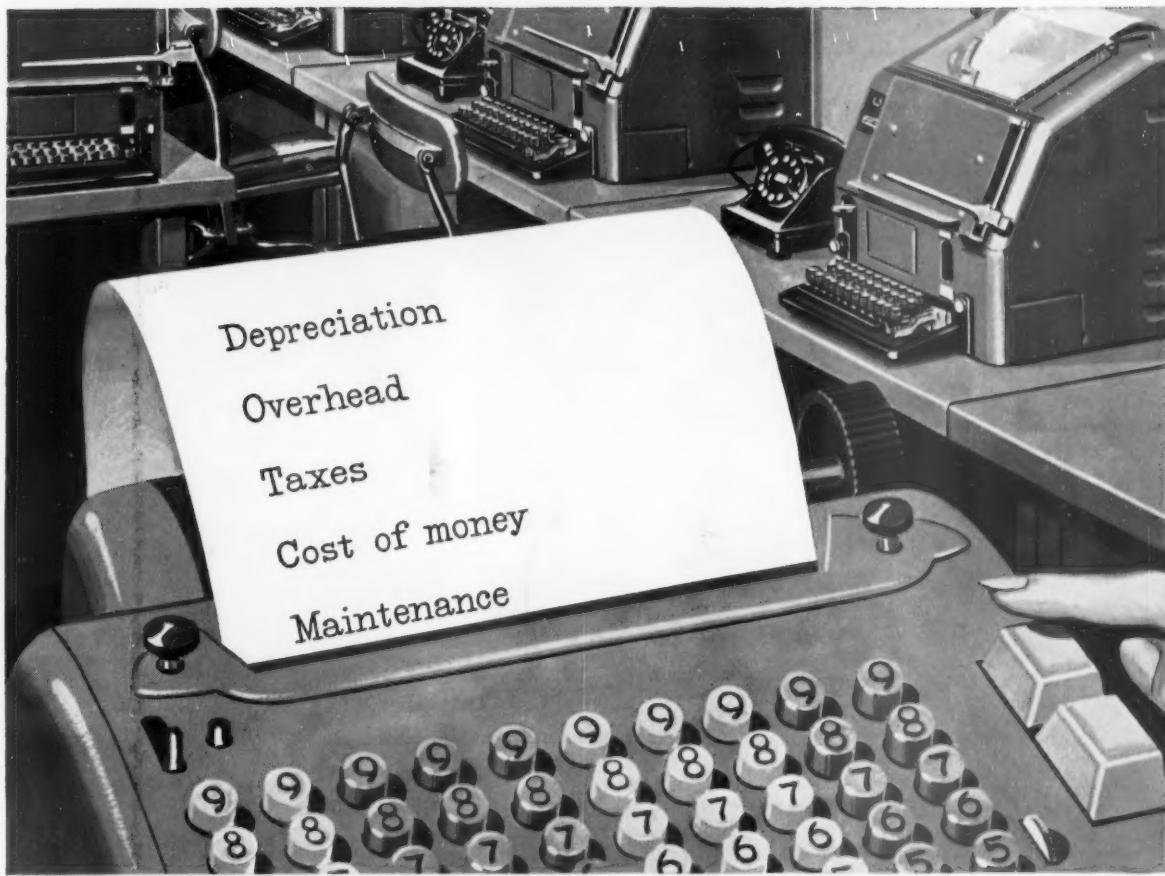
**CHICAGO, MILWAUKEE, ST. PAUL & PACIFIC.**—To assume liability for \$2,700,000 of equipment trust certificates, second installment of a \$7,800,000 issue, to finance in part 56 diesel road-switching units, 50 "Airsides" hopper cars and two sleeping cars costing an estimated \$9,890,844. (*Railway Age*, June 28, page 24). Division 4 approved sale of the certificates with a 23/4% interest rate for 99.3%—the bid of Halsey, Stuart & Co. and seven associates—which will make the cost of the proceeds to the road approximately 2.9%. The certificates, dated July 1, will mature in 30 semiannual installments of \$90,000 each, beginning January 1, 1955.

**CHICAGO, ROCK ISLAND & PACIFIC.**—To issue \$16,000,000 series B first-mortgage bonds to reimburse its treasury in part for expenditures made for additions and betterments, and to pledge and repledge them up to September 30, 1956, as collateral security for short-term notes. Dated January 1, 1954, the bonds are to mature January 1, 1984 and would bear interest at the rate of 3%.

**ILLINOIS CENTRAL.**—To issue \$60,000,000 of series H first-mortgage bonds, the proceeds to go toward redemption of \$60,628,000 series E, 3 7/8% bonds outstanding. (*Railway Age*, September 6, page 57). Division 4 approved sale of the securities at 99.3% with a 3 1/4% interest rate—the bid of Halsey, Stuart & Co. and 112 associates. To be dated September 15, the bonds will mature September 15, 1989.

### Applications

**NEW YORK, CHICAGO & ST. LOUIS.**—To assume liability for \$1,020,000 of equipment trust certificates to finance in part the purchase of 150 50-ton box cars from the Greenville Steel Co. (Continued on page 63)



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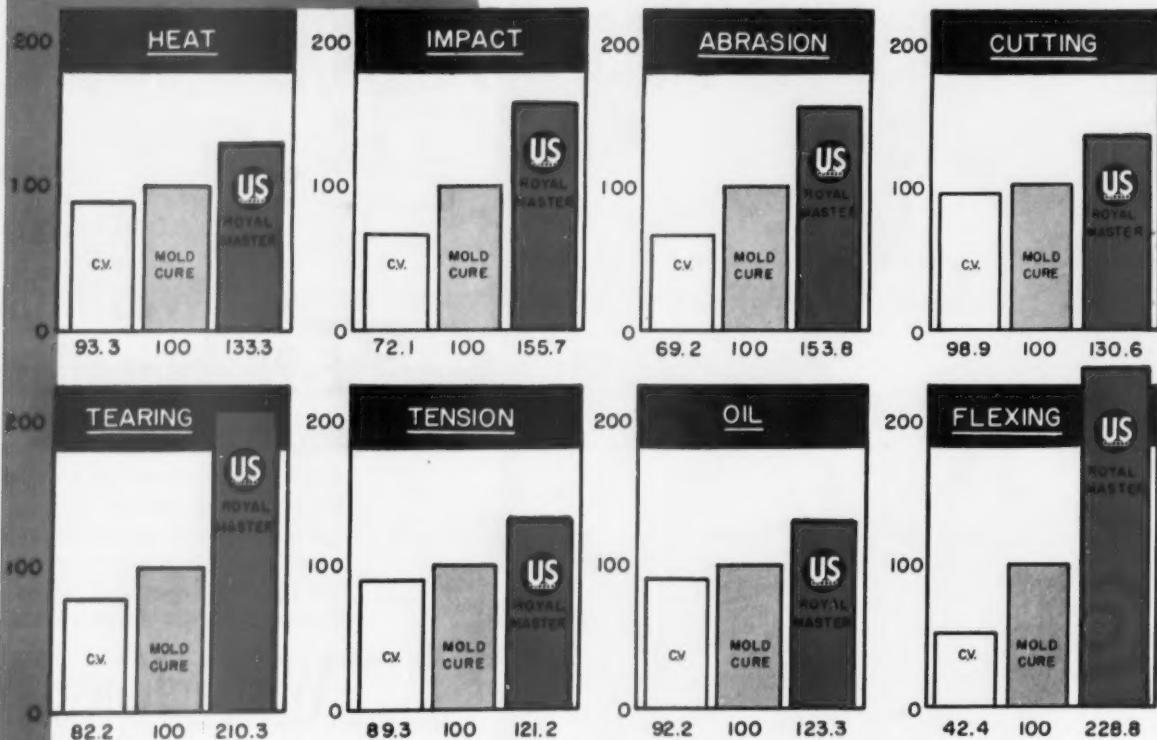
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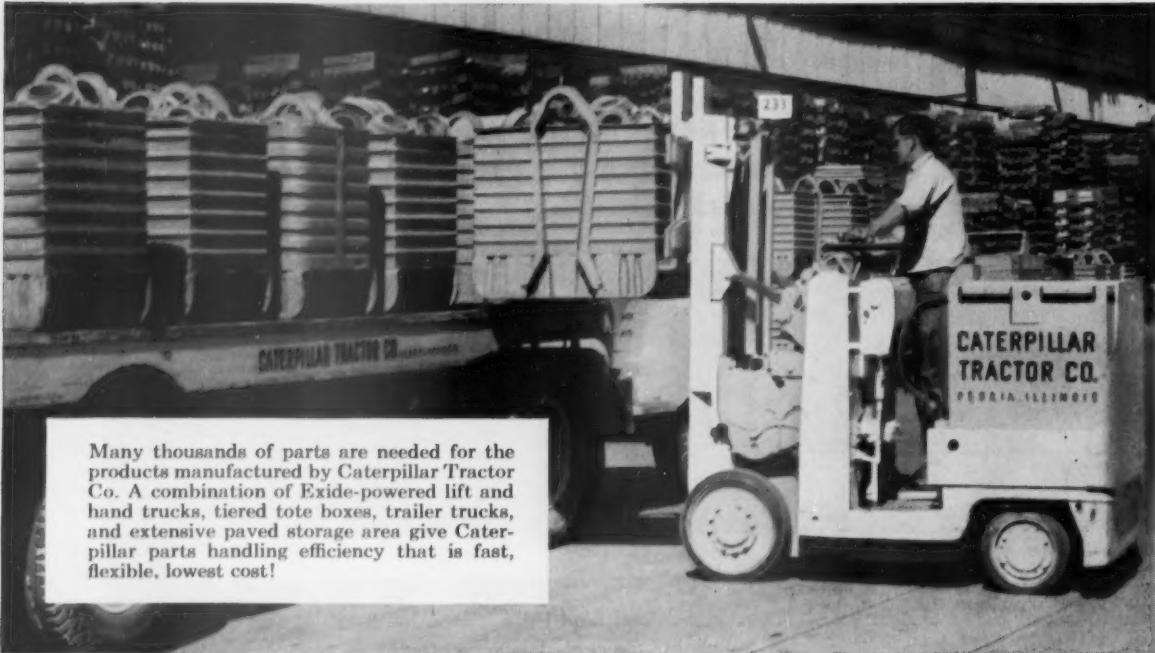
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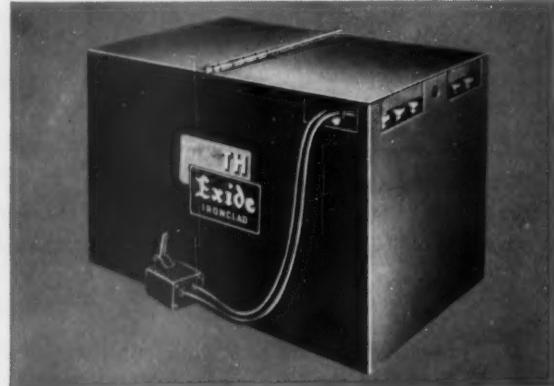
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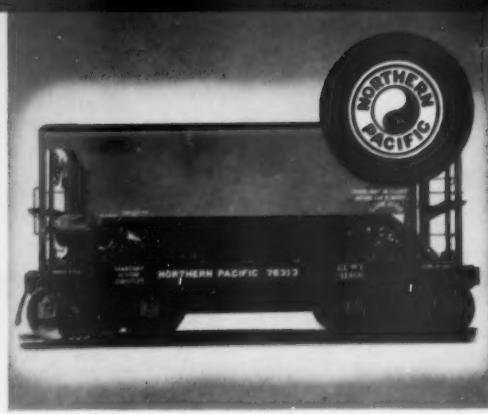
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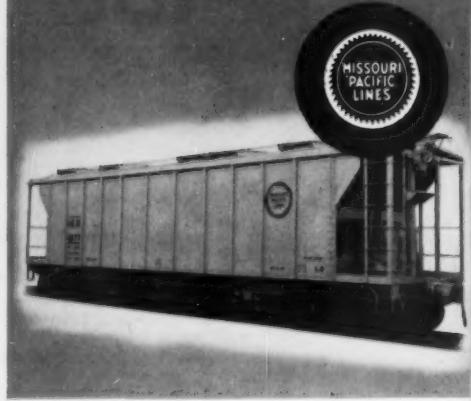
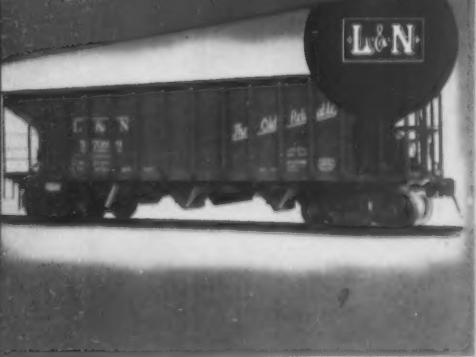


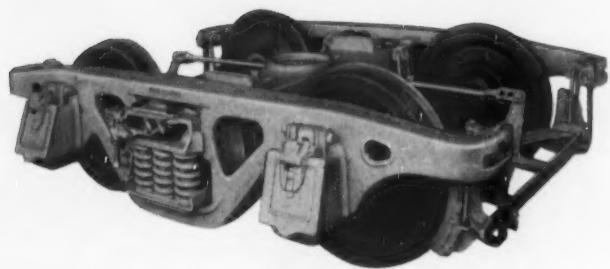
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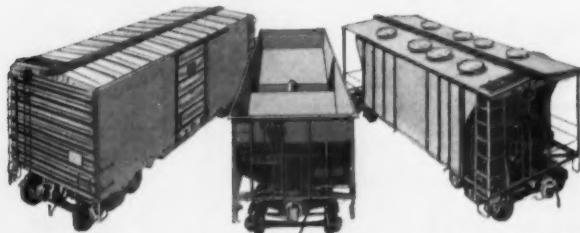
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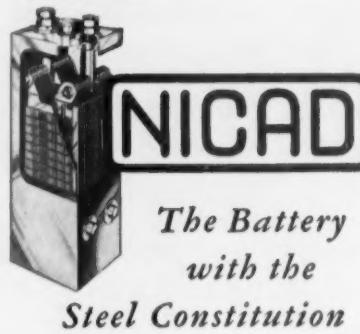
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## Letters from Readers

### Dramatize "Advantages"

HINSDALE, ILL.

TO THE EDITOR:

Favorable public opinion encourages favorable legislative enactment. Public opinion often is influenced most by events that are graphic and dramatic.

The time appears opportune for the railroads to launch a series of nationwide demonstrations of their inherent advantages; cost advantages and travel advantages to the public.

After suitable advance publicity, there should be three principal demonstrations:

1. *Long-distance cost saving by rail.*

A loaded freight train of a hundred cars, and a loaded heavy truck, railroad owned and operated, might leave New York at the same time, bound for the Pacific coast (or vice versa). Progress of the two hauls would be followed in the national press, and on arrival at destination the relative costs of hauling, per ton, would be given wide publicity through institutional advertising.

2. *Medium-distance freight service and convenience.*

Examples would be (a) piggyback operation, and (b) door-to-door consignments that are not suitably handled by truck; ladings requiring special equipment.

3. *Modern passenger trains.*

An eastern train would tour the West; a western train would tour the East.

Aside from the advertising, the cost of these demonstrations should be low because pay-loads would be carried. At their conclusion, a tactful explanation of why the public does not always obtain full advantage of the cost saving by rail might be in order.

There is no precedent for the conditions the railroad industry now is facing. Unusual conditions require unusual actions and remedies. But the need of determination and follow-through is just the same now as it was out on the plains in the early days.

HUGH G. DUGAN

### Believes Stockholders Should Sue to Stop Expropriation

MASSACHUSETTS

TO THE EDITOR:

I feel I must take exception to your editorial, "Learning to Live with Socialism" (*Railway Age*, September 6, page 41). The fact that other segments of the economy greedily accept and expect special benefits is no reason for the railroads to follow suit. Of course where the choice is compromise or complete socialism as on the Long Island, compromise is better. A reduction in taxes is really not socialism, though, since much of the tax on the

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## Letters from Readers

Long Island was based on plant improvements such as grade crossing eliminations which should be considered as belonging to the highway system.

The cause of States' Rights, in much the same condition today as the cause of free enterprise, has been brought to the attention of many by the refusal of such states as Indiana to accept certain "federal aid." By accepting aid the railroads would lose the argument that they are the only free-enterprise form of transportation.

The railroads have not been consistent on the subject of Socialism. They want only long-distance transport de-socialized. I believe that the cost of maintaining every highway, road, city street, waterway, airway, and airport (except military), plus a reasonable return on the investment therein, and the equivalent of taxes thereon, should be paid by the users either in the form of fuel taxes or direct tolls.

The Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the Constitution prohibit depriving any person of property without due process of law by the United States or the several states respectively. It seems to me that American railroad stockholders are being deprived of their property without due process of law by the subsidization of the railroads' competitors. Why, then, has no stockholders' group filed a suit to prevent the spending of money on other forms of transport until enough has been received from user charges to provide the equivalent of taxes and a return on the investment? I am not a lawyer so perhaps my interpretation of the Constitution is wrong.

R. N. H.

[We agree completely with our correspondent, in principle. We do not believe the railroads should seek "hand-outs" from government—but, unless (1) favors to other agencies of transportation are curtailed or (2) the railroads are indemnified for the damage government is doing them, then it is going to be hard to keep the railroads from socialization.—EDITOR]

### Instead of "Piggyback"

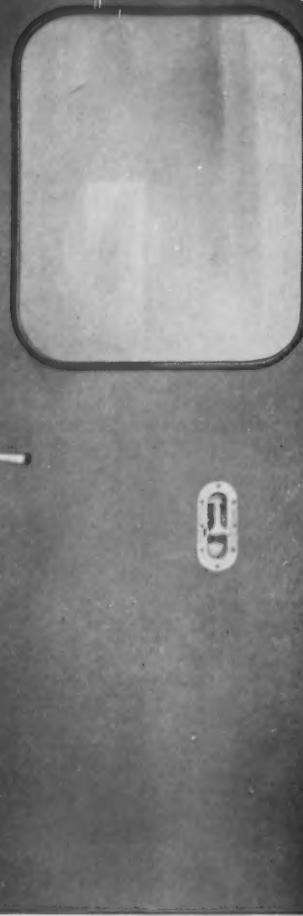
NEW YORK, N.Y.

TO THE EDITOR:

Noting that several new designations have recently been suggested as a substitute for "Piggyback" or "T.O.F.C." I would like to propose one more, namely, "Rail Speedtrailer."

This definitely identifies the operation with railroads and carries the connotation of speedier trailer service by this means.

W. PELYO  
Equipment Assistant  
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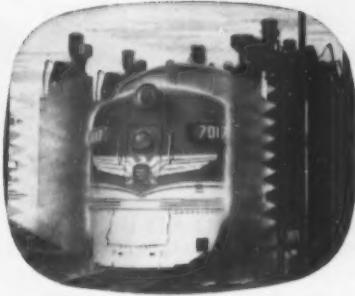
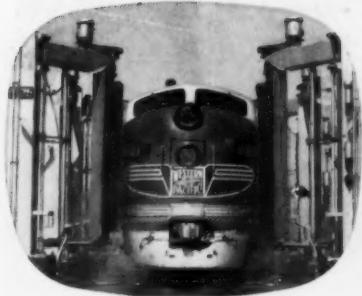
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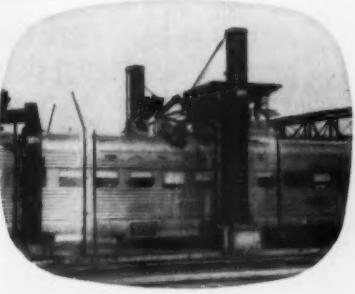
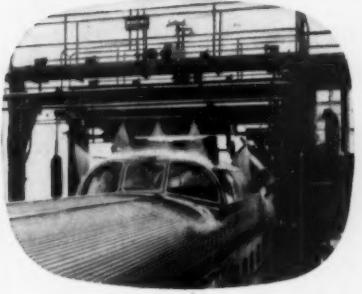
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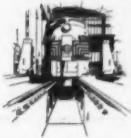


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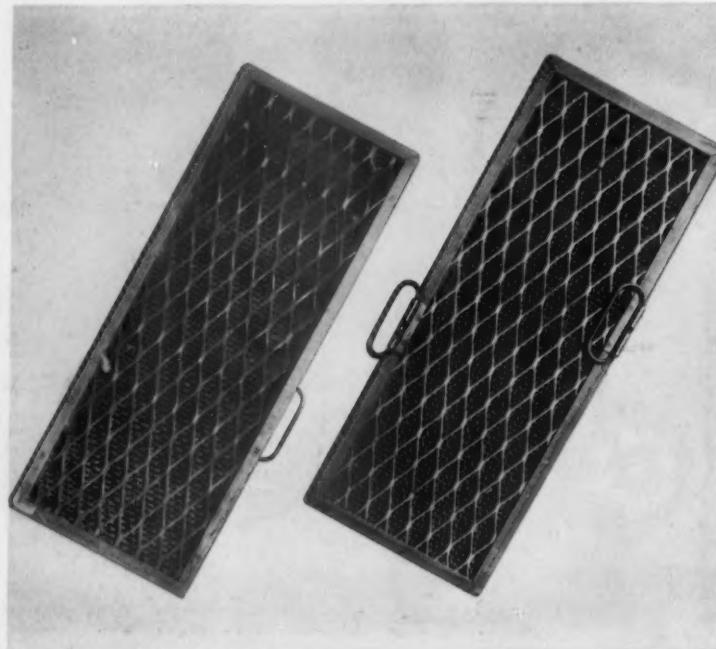
## CASE HISTORY

PRODUCT *Calol Filter Coat*

Bamberger Railroad Co.,  
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## Adhesive filter coating keeps dirt out of engines!

CALOL FILTER COAT prevents dirt from coming through air filters on the Bamberger Railroad Co.'s locomotives, even though heavy, salt-laden dust blows almost constantly along a portion of their Ogden to Salt Lake City right-of-way. Car-body filter at right shows dirt collected in only 30 days on this run. Interior side of same filter, far right, is clean, showing that dirt was trapped in the filter. With ordinary oil coatings, dirt got into engines and caused extra wear—engines had to be overhauled every year. "Since using Calol Filter Coat, none of our engines has been overhauled in a year and a half," says J. F. Buckley, Master Mechanic. "Inspections show much less wear on cylinders. Engine compartments stay so clean now that dust entering any tiny crack shows as a definite streak on the floor." No drip pans are used with Calol Filter Coat because it always stays in place. It increases the efficiency of all their impingement-type air filters.

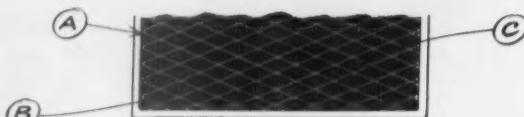


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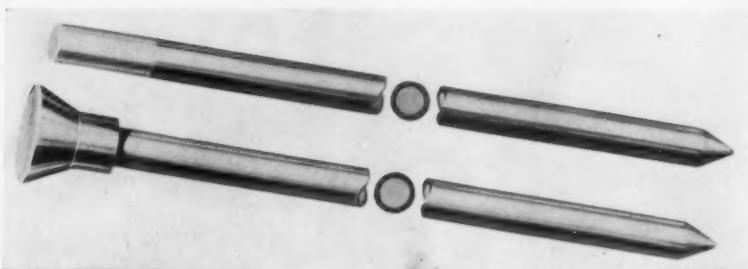
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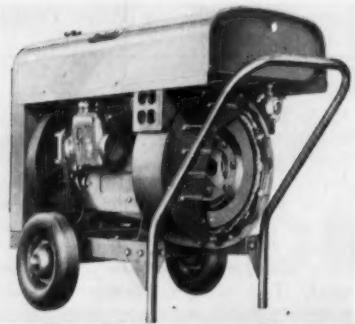


### Non-Rusting Survey Marker

A survey marker, consisting of a steel core to which a copper covering has been molten-welded, has been announced by the Copperweld Steel Company, Pittsburgh. Designed for use in locating permanent survey points, the marker incorporates strength for driving and a non-rusting exterior.

The marker is available in two different types, one with a tinned-end extending down 1 1/2 in. from the top,

and the other with a compression-fit 1 1/2-in. diameter bronze head, which provides space for center-punching a precise point of reference. The former is available in 1/2-in. or 5/8-in. diameters, and is designed for use in uneven or heavy-foliated terrain. The latter is supplied in a 5/8-in. diameter and can be driven flush with pavements, roadbeds, bridge buttresses or other surfaces. Standard length of the markers is 3 ft; however, other sizes can be furnished on special order.



### For Hi-Cycle Tools

An engine-driven, 360-cycle electric generator, which can be moved about to any needed location in shop or yard for supplying power to high-frequency tools, is now available from Waukesha Motor Company, Waukesha, Wis.

The generator is a 10-kva (8-kw) 220-volt, 3-phase, 360-cycle machine, direct-driven from the engine. It also supplies 1,500 watts of 115-volt d-c power for the operation of lights and universal tools using commutator-type motors.

The rotor of the generator is cast aluminum with permanent magnets, mounted on ball bearings supported by a quill from the engine crankcase, and driven through a flexible steel disc coupling.

The 4-cylinder, 4-cycle engine has 2 1/2-in. bore and a 3 1/8-in. stroke, and runs at 2,160 rpm. It has cast alumi-

num head, crankcase, gear cover and intake manifold. The cylinder block is cast iron with Stellite inserts and Stellite-faced valves.

It is equipped with a built-in combination governor and coolant pump for forced circulation. The engine has magneto ignition, and a self-recoiling rope starter.

The set is mounted on a wheel-barrowed type steel chassis with semi-pneumatic rubber-tired wheels. Its total weight is 395 lb.

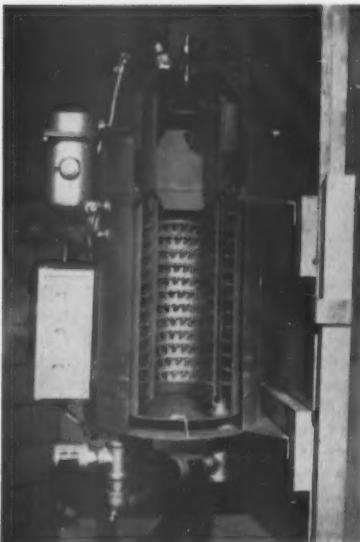


### Trainman's Lantern

The Star Headlight & Lantern Co., Honeoye Falls, N. Y., has announced a new dual-purpose trainman's lantern, Star Model 202-S. Improved features claimed for it are: (1) The twin bulbs can be used either for spotting or signaling; (2) the spot light produces

a pin-point spot with no dark circles; (3) sockets are nylon insulated, and (4) the switch is positive-acting and completely waterproof. The wire guard is extra rigid, and the unbreakable, sure-locking insulated handle is shaped for uniform balance with quick and easy access to the switch knob.

The new lantern is drawn in one piece from zinc-coated steel and finished in blue enamel for additional rust protection. The reflector is formed of Armco stainless steel.



### Diesel Standby Heater

Improvements have been made to the Vapour Heating Corporation's No. 4915 (Watchman) water heater which keeps engines and lubricating oil warm overnight or between runs when the locomotives are not being used. The principal improvement is the addition of a motor that operates either off the locomotive batteries or 110-volt alternating current from a convenient outlet. Current from the track outlet charges the batteries, rather than running them down to operate the heater. Under such conditions the d-c end of the motor becomes a generator and supplies d-c power to operate the controls and give a 4 or 5 amp trickle charge to the batteries at 74 volts d-c.

The Watchman heater puts out 125,000 Btu per hr at 80 per cent efficiency when full on, using a fuel nozzle with a capacity of 1.25 gal per hr. However in normal winter weather the heater usually burns fuel less than half the time, which means the unit is consuming less than 3/4 gal per hr.

The heater is also available with 220-volt a-c motors, d-c motors or gas-

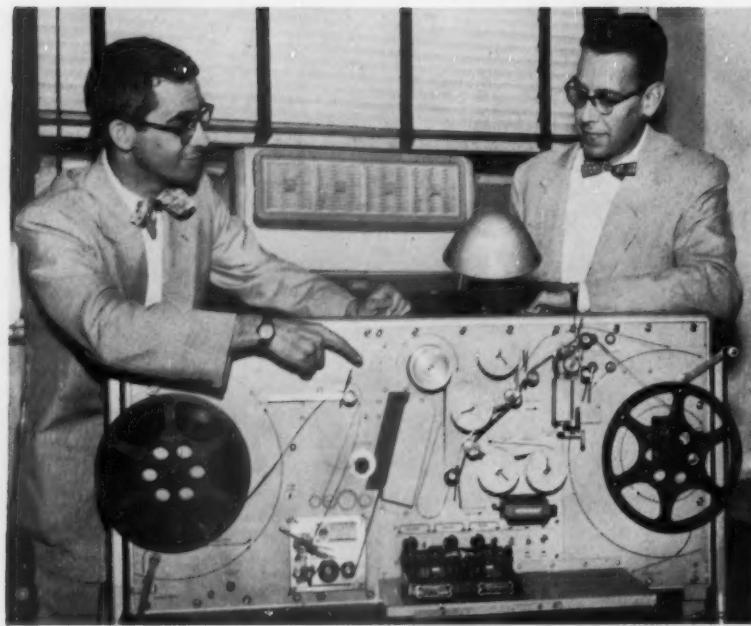
## More New Products

oline engines for use as portable units. Fuel may be either diesel fuel oil, gasoline or propane gas. All models include an alarm bell circuit to notify the shop man if the unit is not working properly. •



### Ball Locking Padlocks

Ball locking padlocks manufactured by Junkin Brothers, 1145 W. Garfield blvd., Chicago 21, use two hardened steel balls held securely in position by a solid grooved rotating bar that cannot be released until the double bitted key is inserted in the lock. This ball locking design is said to prevent unauthorized opening of these locks, because they are made of hardened steel shackles and solid hardened steel bodies, eliminating use of rivets and pins. The locks, which are said to meet railroad requirements, are available in a wide selection of sizes in steel, brass and die cast bodies. •



THE SANTA FE HAS ACQUIRED this machine which uses electronic principles to check 16-mm motion picture film for physical defects. Here William Cox, manager of the road's film bureau at Chicago, discusses operation of the Inspect-O-Matic with Arthur Bach, vice-president of the manufacturer—Harwald Company, 1216 Chicago ave., Evanston,

III. The machine checks film at speeds in excess of 400 feet per minute yet it stops automatically to permit repair upon discovery of any of several types of defects. It is said to produce marked savings in both labor and film replacement footage while practically eliminating film failures during projection. A similar machine has been acquired by the Union Pacific.

vibration and shock has been announced by Bell & Howell Co., 7100 McCormick road, Chicago 45. Known as the JAN (Joint Army-Navy) because it was designed to operate under rigorous military conditions, the machine is said to have a life span two to three times that of the average projector. It weighs 45 pounds and is self-contained in a single unit. It throws 500 lumens of light on the screen as compared to 200 to 300 for

standard commercial projectors. Each of the major components is built as a self-contained unit thus permitting future changes and improvements in design to be incorporated in the machine by substituting the new component for the old—a construction which also simplifies servicing. For long wear, sapphire film guides are used. The machine comes equipped with a 5-inch loudspeaker built in the case and a 2-inch f/1.6 lens. •



### Movie Projector for Rough, Heavy Service

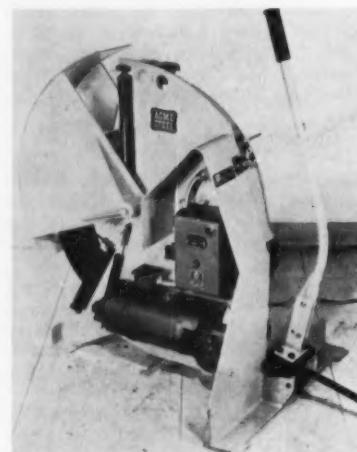
A new model 16-mm motion picture sound projector designed for heavy usage and also to withstand unusual

### Power-Driven Unit-Load Band Dispenser

A new power-operated band dispenser (right) which facilitates cutting heavy-duty steel strapping to length, has been developed by Acme Steel Company, Chicago.

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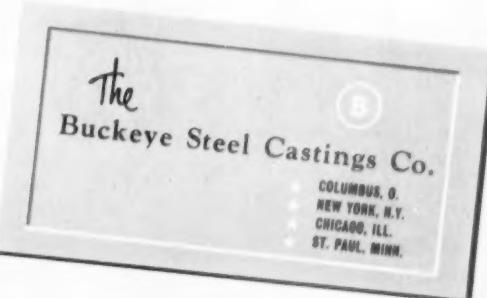
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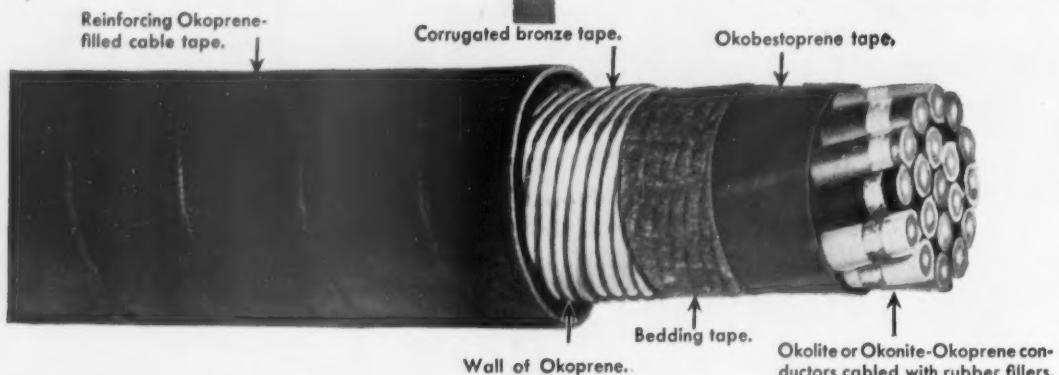
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## "Cold War" Against Railroad Socialization

Recent British diplomacy has puzzled many Americans. Apparent emphasis on appeasing the Communists—the same conduct which aroused derision when practiced by Chamberlain with Hitler—has been hard to understand. George Sokolsky, the able newspaper columnist, has come forward with a persuasive explanation. Atomic weapons, he points out, make it possible to knock out such a small country in a single attack. Hence, says Mr. Sokolsky, realism has forced the British to work for peace at almost any price. Survival must be the primary goal of such a nation's diplomacy. "The practical statesman deals with what faces him today."

Doesn't the practical railroad man, also, have to do the same thing? The situation that faces railroad leadership in this country certainly has some parallels with that which confronts British statesmen. The railroads here—as private enterprise—are in as much economic peril as Britain is militarily. In both cases, when survival is the issue, responsible leadership has to concentrate on the attainment of that objective, even if to the temporary neglect of goals which are ordinarily considered more admirable.

The justification for diplomacy that tempers with Communism is that the diplomats believe Communism has internal weaknesses which condemn it to a relatively early death. Why run the terrible risk of war with an institution that cannot long survive, anyhow? If statesmen did not believe this, then temporizing would not be honorable.

It all depends on how much faith you have in the inner strength and "survival value" of Western civilization—and, on the other hand, how much vitality you ascribe to Communism.

In the opinion of this paper, there is very little basic difference between Communism and Socialism. Socialism is merely Communism—bathed, shaved, and with a clean suit of clothes. We have no more belief in the long-run ability of Socialism to win a permanent victory over economic freedom than we have that Communism is destined to overwhelm the free world. The greatest danger to economic freedom, as we see it, is that its advocates may risk their economic lives by refusing to accept conditions necessary to survival,

during the brief time when Socialist practices remain popular. It is a counsel of prudence, in dealing with such an adversary, to have a showdown with him—not while he has everybody fooled, but when he begins to fall apart.

If the time-biding strategy of "cold" war—with constant effort to prevent its becoming "hot"—is sound national strategy in confronting Communism, then a parallel "cold war" against Socialism on the domestic front is equally defensible. The justification for the strategy is the promise it holds for the survival of some friends of economic freedom until Socialism's built-in cancer begins to show its fatal symptoms.

The railroads are the largest—and virtually the only—citadel of anti-socialism left in American industry. As such, in our fallible opinion, railroad leadership's main duty has become that of insuring the industry's survival as private enterprise. This assurance cannot be given if the industry is going to continue to engage in a long list of such uncompensated philanthropies as (1) providing highly taxed commuter service; (2) continuing to pay property taxes while parallel property used for exactly the same purpose pays none; (3) maintaining, for free, billions of dollars of stand-by transportation plant, needed for national defense emergencies; (4) hauling that part of the mail where payments don't equal costs, while relinquishing that part where payments exceed costs; (5) financing plant improvement by tax-paying securities while tax-exempt bonds finance parallel transportation property. Neither can the railroads survive as private enterprise if they continue to be restrained by rigid and detailed regulation while they are surrounded with unfettered competitors.

The inherent economic superiority of railroad service has enabled the railroads to survive, thus far, in spite of all these handicaps—but there is a limit to what mere merit can accomplish in the face of competition from an unlimited public treasury. The railroads do not need to seek hand-outs. They do need to insist that their philanthropies, whether voluntary or involuntary, be curtailed—and that they be compensated for services to government, just as they are compensated for services to private patrons. Government must free them to compete for traffic which they can handle more economically than other carriers.

If railroad leadership can succeed in getting from government only a modest fraction of the concessions to which the industry is, in justice, entitled—then railroads can quickly reverse their present depressed condition, turning it into one of dynamic growth and prosperity.



## Quebec, North Shore & Labrador

- Why It Was Needed
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## A SPECIAL REPORT on the world's newest and most modern heavy-duty railroad, now being thoroughly tested, in preparation for its yearly job of hauling 10 million tons of ore

Iron ore is rolling—from the world's oldest hills over the world's newest railroad.

That railroad—the Quebec, North Shore & Labrador—has met its goal of “Iron ore by '54”; and in so doing has opened up to the hungry steel mills of Canada and the United States the hitherto untapped reserves of high-grade ore which have lain for countless ages in the primeval wilderness where Labrador joins Quebec.

### 1954—A Year of Test

The railroad, to be sure, is not “finished,” even in the limited sense in which any railroad can ever be described as “finished.” It has not yet officially assumed the com-

mon carrier status which it will eventually have; its movement of ore is not yet on a commercial basis; a good many details and refinements of construction remain to be completed, this year or in a few years to come.

Men on the ground describe 1954 as “a year of test, of tryout, of break-in.” But the system is an operating entity. Up to late afternoon on September 28 it had moved 163 trains of ore over the 356 rail-miles between the mines surrounding Schefferville and tidewater docks at Seven Islands; and there is no longer any doubt as to the railroad's ability to meet—and meet successfully—the goal which its designers, its builders, and its operators have set for it.

### The Why and the Wherefore

The ore bodies which the new railroad is built to serve lie almost at the midpoint of that great peninsula of northeastern Canada which is bounded on the north by Hudson Strait, on the east by the Atlantic Ocean, on the south by the Gulf of St. Lawrence, and on the west by Hudson Bay.

Geologically, the area is part of the so-called “Laurentian Shield,” which is believed to be “the oldest land on earth,” with an estimated age in excess of 600 million years. Politically, it is part of the Canadian province of Quebec and of the Labrador, or mainland, portion of the province of Newfoundland.

The ore deposits themselves, relatively small in sur-

face area and relatively shallow in depth, lie “like raisins in a fruitcake”—or “almonds in a chocolate bar”—astride the provincial boundary.

Existence of iron ore in the area had been suspected ever since the great Canadian geologist, Dr. A. P. Low, exploring the territory by foot, canoe and dogsled in the 1890's, pointed out that the rock formations appeared favorable for iron exploration.

The needed impetus for intensive prospecting in this remote Canadian wilderness did not develop, however, until the early 1940's. By that time, far-seeing American steel men had begun to realize that they could not count on living forever off the high-grade, direct ship-

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ping ores of Minnesota's Mesabi range. For more than half a century that range had supplied three-quarters or more of the steel needs of an expanding nation, and had furnished the bulk of its armaments for two world wars—which hastened the range's inevitable end. Necessarily, therefore, steel companies began to look for new sources of ore. Some went as far afield as Venezuela and Liberia. Others are resorting, with every evidence of success, to extraction of usable ore from taconite rock, of which the Mesabi still has a vast supply, but which, until very recently, has been commercially unusable.

Under such circumstances, with the Mesabi's supply of high-grade direct shipping ore approaching exhaustion

in what is believed to be a relatively short period, it would have been folly to bypass the Quebec-Labrador fields. Accordingly, a combination of interests, headed in the United States by the M. A. Hanna Company, and in Canada by Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, Ltd., joined forces to explore the Quebec-Labrador ore fields, and to make their resources available to both countries.

To date, prospecting has resulted in "proving" the existence of some 417 million tons of high-grade ore, of from 50 to 60% iron content, comparable to that on the Mesabi, and so located as to be economically mined.

It was the result of these explorations that led directly, under leadership of the same group of companies, to construction of the now nearly completed 356-mile Quebec, North Shore & Labrador Railway.

### A Railroad Is Built

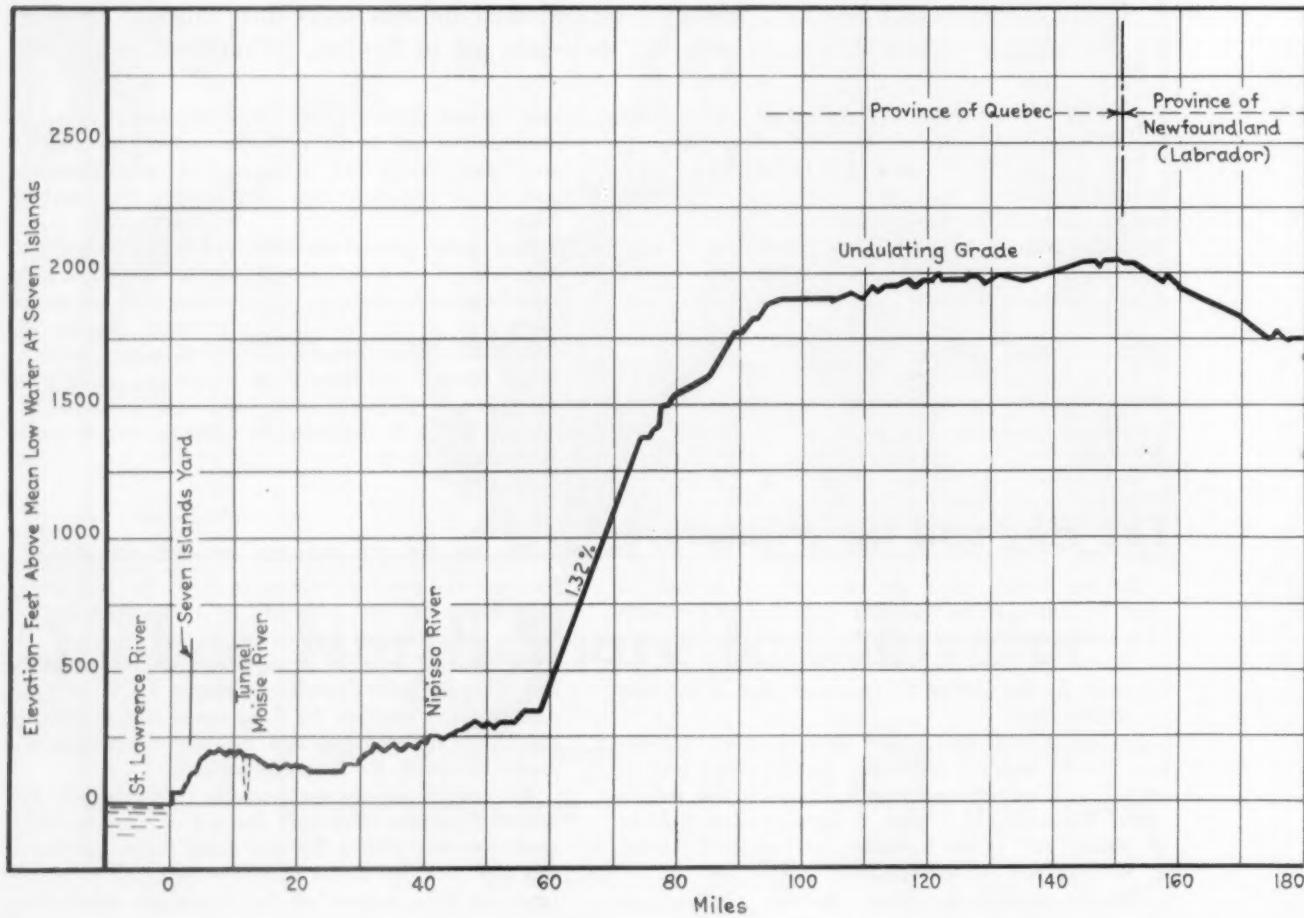
#### Surveyed . . .

The obvious northern terminus of the new railroad was some point close to the center of the proved ore deposits—either near Burnt Creek, site of one of the

early prospecting centers, or at closely adjacent Knob Lake, soon to be the site of a new mining town which the premier of Quebec province has officially designated as Schefferville.

Equally obvious as the southern terminus was the

#### THE QNS&L-IN PROFILE . . .



little 1,000-person fishing village of Seven Islands, on the north shore of the Gulf of St. Lawrence, some 320 air-miles almost due south of Knob Lake, and some 484 air-miles (and just about the same number of river miles) northeast of Montreal—present head of large ship navigation on the St. Lawrence river.

Beside those basic advantages of location—Seven Islands—Sept Isles to the French Canadian—is blessed with one of the best natural harbors on the north shore of the St. Lawrence—an almost completely landlocked bay, its entrance guarded by "six islands and a reef," between which run three channels navigable at all tides and in nearly all weathers.

With terminal points so clearly indicated, reconnaissance surveys of the proposed railroad were run in 1945 and 1946, followed by an aerial survey, and by the running, in 1947-1949, of preliminary lines. Final location surveys were begun in the latter year and completed in 1952; a total of 1,507 miles of survey line were run.

Meantime, concurrent economic studies had determined that the most economical operating results would be achieved by running loaded trains of about 14,000 gross tons at a maximum speed of 40 mph, with empty trains of comparable length to be run at 50 mph (less on heavy grades and sharp curves). The surveys, ac-

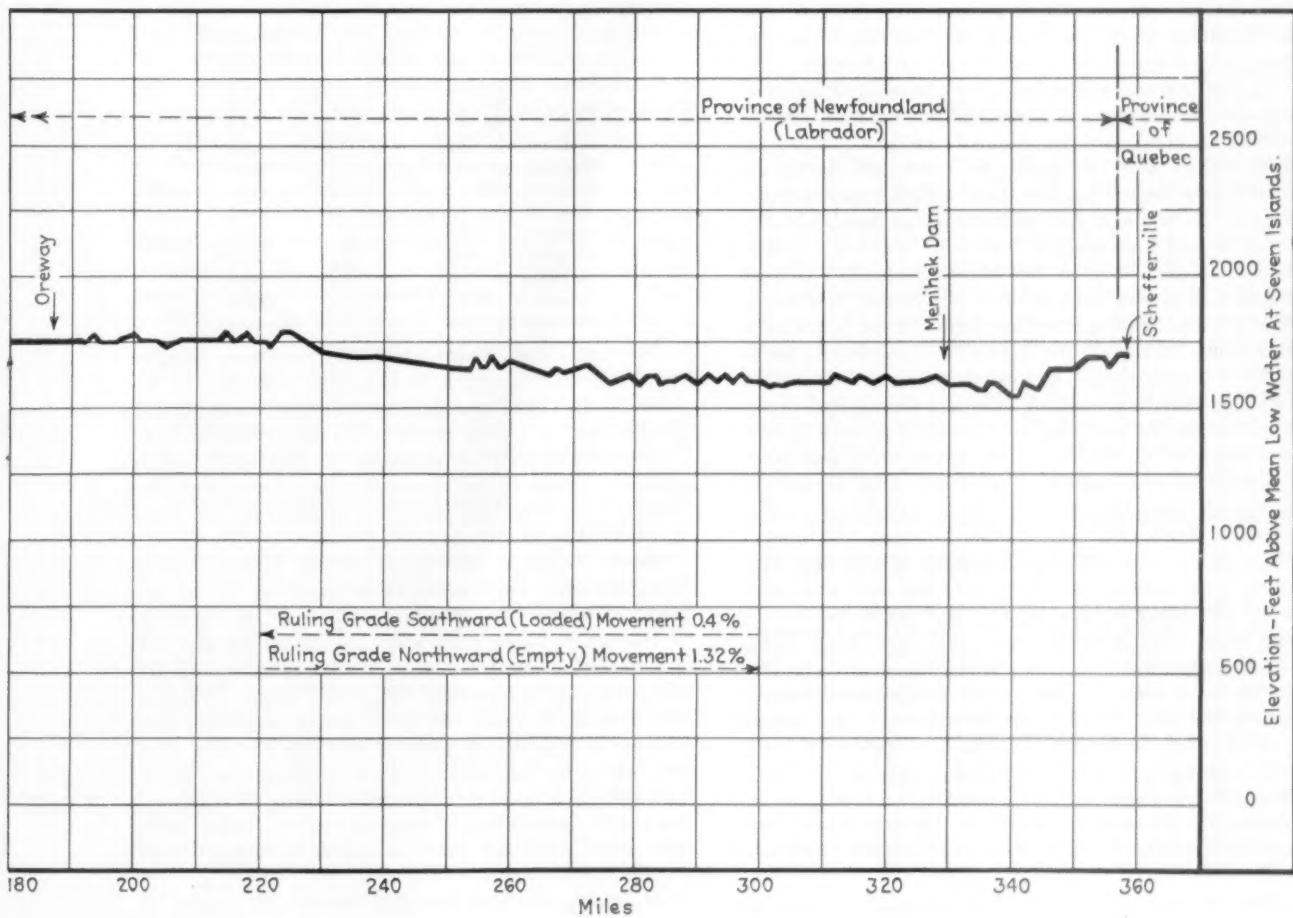
cordingly, were directed toward laying out a line which would permit such operations.<sup>1</sup>

The resulting line is a little over 356 miles long—a total deviation of only 36 miles, or a bit more than 10%, from the 320-mile air-line distance between terminals. Maximum elevation is 2,066 ft; ruling grades, compensated for curvature, are 0.4% against loaded southbound trains and 1.32% against northbound empties.

The line as thus established follows generally the natural drainage pattern of the country. It crosses a narrow coastal plain just north of Seven Islands; rises into the coastal highlands along the valleys of the Moisie, Nipisso and Wacouno rivers to MP 130; follows the Magpie river to the height of land near MP 150; there enters the Labrador plateau, and runs along Ashuanipi and Menihek lakes to MP 330, where it crosses Menihek dam; and finally follows the so-called Labrador trough to its northern terminus at Schefferville (Knob Lake) at MP 356.

#### ... And Built

Even before final surveys were complete, construction contracts were awarded, in the summer of 1950, to a combination of four of the largest companies of





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their type in Canada—Cartier Construction, Ltd.; McNamara Construction Company; Mannix, Ltd.; and Morrison-Knudsen Company of Canada.

Work began at once.

In October 1950, small bulldozers, trucks and other construction tools arrived by boat at Seven Islands, and in November work was begun on what was to be the line's longest tunnel, 11½ miles north of tidewater.

In that fall and winter land was cleared and building begun on a base camp at Seven Islands; the future Seven Islands terminal yard was cleared and graded; two or three sidings were laid down; and work was started on what is now the ore loading dock at Pointe-aux-Basques, adjacent to and just east of the town of Seven Islands. From the new base camp, a "tote road" was built to Mile 17 on the west side of the Moisie river, and carried across that stream on a wooden pile trestle, finished in March 1951. Grading was then begun in the heavy rock cuts above and along the Moisie both north and south of MP 17, using shovels and other equipment delivered to Seven Islands in the fall of 1950 and transported to the work site via the tote road and trestle. That road in turn was extended to MP 28, where an air strip was built.

By spring and summer of 1951 air strips capable of taking all types of planes had been established at Wacouna, at Knob Lake, and at other locations—14 in all—on or closely adjacent to the proposed railway line. Tote roads were built from air strips to the line, and north and south along it; and grading was begun both north and south from Wacouna, and south from Knob Lake. Grading equipment, in many cases, was flown in to Wacouna, Knob Lake, or other points, by Hollinger Ungava Transport, Ltd., in what has been termed "the largest civilian airlift in history"—a major operation in itself, which between October 1950 and December 31, 1953, flew 138,700 passengers, 170,343,000 lb of freight (including 190,000 bags of cement for Menihek Dam), and ran up 15,623,190 ton-miles in 15 airplanes and two helicopters.

Railway material also was transported, in winter, by

truck and tractor trains and by dog sled; and, in summer, on the northern lakes and rivers, by 44-ft 4-ton boats.

Track laying followed closely upon completion of grading, completion dates for the various segments being as follows:

Date	Mileage at End of Steel
October 1951	9.0
June 13, 1952	12.0
July 13, 1952	19.1
September 27, 1952	66.0
November 30, 1952	108.2
March 31, 1953	130.0
June 30, 1953	152.0
September 1, 1953	202.0
November 1, 1953	268.0
December 20, 1953	325.0
January 1, 1954	332.0
February 19, 1954	Knob Lake

The traditional "golden spike," symbolizing completion of the line, was actually driven on February 13, by Jules R. Timmins, president of Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, in a temperature of 20 degrees below zero.

Track-laying methods, developed on the QNS&L, which permitted crews to put down, at times, more than two miles a day, were fully described in *Railway Age* April 6, 1953, page 72.

**Rock**—Principal headaches for the builders—aside from the cold, which sank, on occasion, to 30, 40 and even 50 degrees below zero—were rock and muskeg.

The heaviest rock work was encountered between MP 10, where the line leaves the flat coastal plain, and MP 150, where, at its maximum elevation, it enters the Labrador plateau. In those 138 miles are the new railroad's two major engineering projects and also its finest scenery, where the line clings to rock-cut shelves in canyon-like valleys, or runs through dense forests of evergreen, birch and aspen—always along or close to rivers which flow deep, dark and quiet, or tumble brawlingly down rapids and waterfalls—one a sheer drop of 175 ft.

**Muskeg**—North of MP 150, on the other hand, the

## SOME QNS&L "FIRSTS"

New—and even still "unfinished"—as it is, the QNS&L already has some interesting "firsts" to its credit. Among them are:

- First railroad in Labrador;
- First railroad to use exclusively roller-bearing freight cars;
- First railroad to use a yard designed for use exclusively by roller-bearing cars; and—probably
- First railroad, at least of comparable size, to be "tailor-made" with optimum train lengths, weights and speeds determined first, and grades and curves then "cut to fit."

In addition to these distinctions, the QNS&L expects, under full operation, to run the heaviest trains consistently operated on any railroad; to have the lowest known ton-mile costs (though they are not yet determined); and to set new records in gross ton-miles per train-hour. The latter figure—with 14,000-ton loaded trains traveling 40 mph—might well reach the astronomical total of 560,000!

ground, instead of being rough and rocky, is low and wet; roughly 50% of the entire area is water—lakes, rivers or muskeg swamp. Muskeg, in fact, was encountered on more than 60 of the railroad's 356 miles, principally between MP 160 and MP 220. Its average depth was about four feet, and the roadbed was laid across it by end-dumping local sand and gravel taken from nearby borrow pits. Despite the amount of fill thus consumed, and despite efforts to provide adequate drainage, it is expected that track laid across such muskeg swamps will continue to settle for some two or three years to come.

**Drainage**—Even where there is no actual muskeg, drainage is a problem on the northern half of the line, where the advent of each spring season is expected to bring a runoff from an average four feet of snow, closely followed by the thawing of ground frozen during the winters to depths of anywhere from 18 in. to four feet.

**Grading**—To mid-July of this year, construction of the line had required the moving of 2,106,423 cu yd of solid rock and 13,638,694 cu yd of other material, and the placing of 2,288,771 cu yd of ballast and train fill. Construction equipment used included 57 diesel shovels and draglines; 84 tractors, dozers and scrapers; and 160 dump trucks.

**Ballasting**—Much more material will have to be moved, however, before the line can be considered as "finished." Ballasting, for example, is still in progress, from seven "ballast residencies," each responsible for about 50 miles of line. At present, local pit-run gravel is being used; but if future studies prove the change to be economically desirable, this will eventually become subballast, to be topped with rock.

Ballasting is fully mechanized, with five Pullman-Standard, one Electro-gang, and one McWilliams production tampers in current use. Also assigned to this work are five spreaders, 175 hopper ballast cars, and 58 air-dump cars. The ballast cars are AAR standard, with Enterprise doors, specially designed for the QNS&L, permitting either center or side dumping. Some of the methods used in ballasting, particularly during cold

weather, were described in *Railway Age* March 29, page 20, and in the April *Railway Track & Structures*.

**Physical Characteristics**—As it now stands, the single-track line is 356.7 miles in length. Of this, 214 miles, or 60%, are tangent; 140 miles, or 40%, are on curves. All told, there are 700 separate curves, up to a maximum of 8 deg, and a total of 15,924 degrees of central angle. The northbound 1.32% ruling grade is the longest on the line—16.5 miles between MP 57 and MP 73.5.

There are 23 sidings or passing tracks, with a total length of 24.3 miles. Each has a capacity of 135 ore cars, plus a three-unit diesel locomotive and a caboose. Turnouts to sidings are No. 12, with 22½-ft points.

**Track Structure**—All main-line track is laid with new 132-lb rail of standard RE section; sidings and yards have new 100-lb rail of AAR section; and secondary and back tracks are of 85-lb rail which is the Canadian Pacific's standard 5-in. base modification of ASCE standard section.

Main-line ties are of Texas hardwoods and British Columbia fir, 8 ft long, laid 24 to a 39-ft rail panel, and fully creosoted. They were treated, bored and adzed prior to shipment to Seven Islands, where they arrived banded in bundles of 50. Ties in sidings, yards and other secondary tracks are of untreated native timber.

All track is fully tie-plated and anchored, anchors being placed generally 16 to a 39-ft panel (eight to a rail). On 40 miles of grades, however, anchors are used in the ratio of 24 to a panel, or 12 to a rail. Six-hole joint bars are used on the main line, and four-hole bars elsewhere.

## Yards and Terminals

The railroad has only one point which it designates as a yard—Oreway, at MP 186; but its trains operate by agreement into terminals of the Iron Ore Company of Canada at Seven Islands, Silver Lake, Ruth Lake and Gagnon. Emphasizing the still "unfinished" character of the railroad—and of the entire project—is the fact that all these facilities have been so designed as to allow ample room for expansion when and if ore production warrants.

Most important terminal is the IOCC's hump-retarder facility at Seven Islands, which presently consists of four receiving tracks with a capacity of about 125 cars each; eight classification tracks holding 95 cars each; and

## "INDUSTRY CONSCIOUS"

In its design, construction, equipment and operation, the QNS&L has "borrowed heavily" on the knowledge, experience, and even the personnel, of other Canadian and United States railroads. As a result, although it has no physical connection with any other line, its officers feel that it is definitely a part of the railway industry. They are highly "industry conscious."

They propose, for example, to run, at the earliest possible date, full tests on the performance of their roller-bearing, rubber-draft-gear equipped ore cars, and to make the results of those tests generally available.

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four "empty" tracks, each of which can accommodate 125 cars. A fifth track in the receiving yard is kept as a running track. There are, in addition, a number of storage and rip tracks; tracks serving the ore stockpile area; and a 180-deg retarder-equipped loop track between the car dumper and the "empty" yard. Operation of this yard is explained in detail beginning on page 55.

The railroad's own Oreway yard is at the operating midpoint, and the approximate geographic midpoint, of the main line. At present, it has two sidings, a rip track, and a wye.

The IOCC's Silver Lake yard, just below the northern end of the QNS&L line at Schefferville, consists of five tracks, a rip track, and a wye. Flat-switched, it is used

for breaking up trains of empty cars for distribution to mine spurs, and for assembling loaded cars from mine spurs into full trains for southward movement.

The IOCC's Ruth Lake and Gagnon yards—actually little more than sidings—are located at the ends of spurs serving the three mines which are now in operation.

**Bridges, Tunnels and Culverts**—There are 17 bridges totaling 4,179 ft in length; two tunnels, aggregating 2,957 ft; and a total of 93,203 ft of culverts.

The longer tunnel and the biggest bridge are located, respectively, at MP 11.5 and MP 11.8—so close together that it is literally possible for a single car to be in the tunnel and on the bridge at the same time. That bridge, 707 ft long and 155 ft high, carries the railroad across the turbulent Moisie river, and the two structures together mark the beginning of its climb into the Laurentian highlands.

## A Railroad Is Equipped

### Locomotives

Except for two second-hand steam locomotives, used principally during construction, and now stored at Seven Islands, motive power used by the QNS&L is all diesel. At this time it includes 22 1,500-hp General Motors general-purpose units (GP-7's), built by General Motors Diesel, Ltd.; 10 1,750-hp GP-9's, also built by General Motors Diesel, Ltd.; two 1,600-hp Alco type road-switchers, built by Montreal Locomotive Works; and two 600-hp yard switchers built by the General Electric Company. Enough additional units are now on order from General Motors Diesel, Ltd., to bring the total motive power roster up to approximately 50 road units by the time operation gets into full swing.

The larger diesel units are used interchangeably, as required. The two small GE switchers are used principally in humping operations at Seven Islands, though road units also may be used for that purpose.

All road locomotives are equipped with multiple-unit controls, dynamic braking and swing bolsters, but have no special modifications for cold-weather operation. Most of them are painted in the road's official colors—gray, orange and yellow.

### Cars

**Ore**—By far the largest portion of the railroad's car fleet consists of specially designed roller-bearing ore cars, which, however, are actually owned by the QNS&L's par-

### ORE CARS (Special Features)

**Couplers**—"F" type, to facilitate operation of long, extra heavy trains over rolling terrain, and to insure two cars staying coupled when upside down in the tandem rotary car dumper. Manufactured by National Malleable & Steel Castings Co.

**Journal bearings**—Tapered roller type, grease lubricated. Manufactured by Timken Roller Bearing Company.

**Trucks**—American Steel Foundries "ride-control" type, manufactured by Canadian Car & Foundry Co.

**Truck frames**—Cast steel jaw type, lengthened to accommodate 36-in. diameter wheels.

**Wheels**—36-in. diameter, multiple-wear steel; 75% of the wheels are untreated, and 25% are rim toughened, to compare the merits of the two types. The large diameter wheel was selected to reduce the unit loading to 870 lb per inch of wheel diameter. Three-quarters of the wheels were manufactured by the Armcro Steel Corporation, and the balance by the United States Steel Corporation.

**Axles**—6½-in. by 12-in., to AAR Spec. M-126-Grade F, without black collar, smooth turned all over, and double heat treated. Wheel seat diameters have been increased to 8¾ in. and the diameter at the center of the body to 7¾ in., from the standard AAR 6½-in. by 12-in. axle.

**Springs**—2½-in. travel.

**Brakes**—Westinghouse Air Brake Company "empty and load" type, consisting of a single 7 5/8-in.—12-in. by 9-in. brake cylinder, with a 12-to-1 leverage ratio, to provide braking ratios of 27% loaded and 48% empty. A manual changeover control valve has been provided because the cars are to be confined to a single service, and not offered in interchange.

**Brake shoes**—Double-clasp shoes on each wheel, to reduce brake beam and shoe loading, and permit 12-to-1 leverage ratio with single brake cylinder.

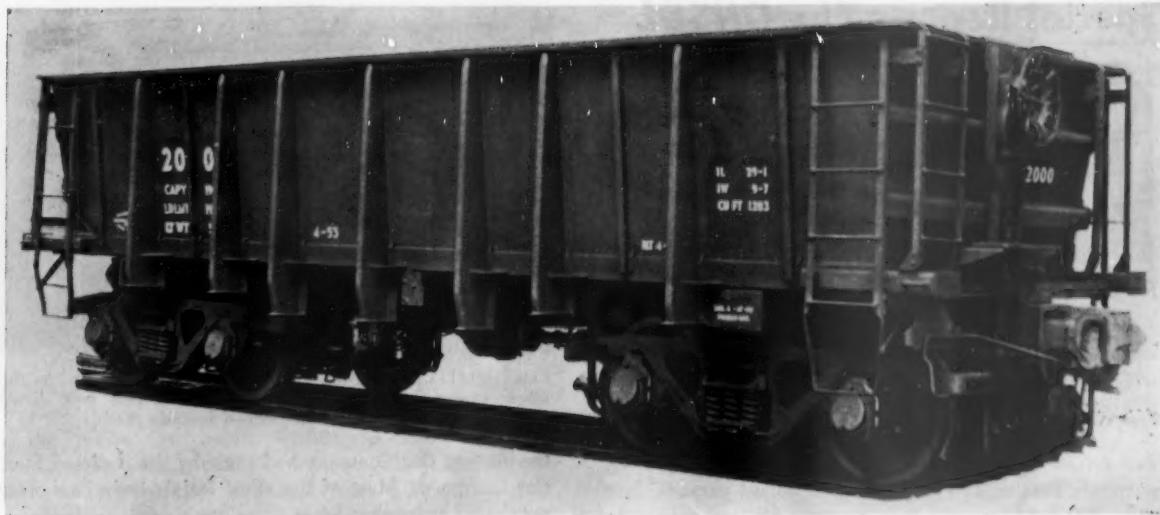
**Center sills**—AAR Z-26.

**Bolsters**—Cast steel, with built-in American Steel Foundries A-3 ride-control device.

**Draft gear**—On 940 cars, standard, furnished by Cardwell Westinghouse Company and W. H. Miner, Inc. On 260 cars, rubber draft gear, furnished by National Malleable & Steel Castings Co. (125 sets); Waugh Equipment Company (125 sets); and W. H. Miner, Inc. (10 sets).

**Pusher pads**—Special extra-heavy pusher pads are fitted at all four exterior corners of each car, as a bearing for the sidearm pusher locomotives which shove loaded cars, two at a time, up to the dumper house at Seven Islands yard.

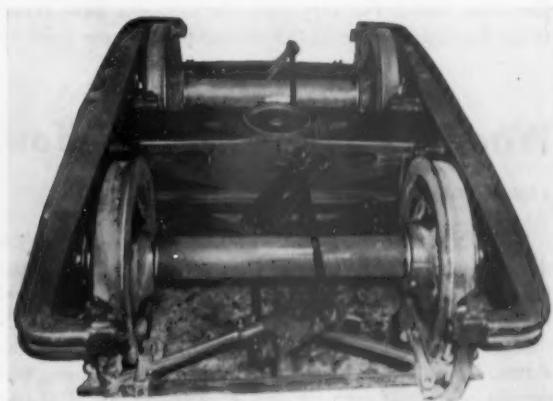
**"Scotchliting"**—Car numbers and light weights are in "Scotchliting" reflecting tape, for guidance of scale and retarder operators and other yard personnel in night switching.



THE 1,200 ORE CARS built by the Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing Company for the Iron Ore Company of Canada, for service on the QNS&L, incorporate many special design features.



"SCOTCHLIGHT" reflecting tape is used for car numbers and light weights, to facilitate night switching.



THE CARS' "ride-control" trucks are designed for roller bearings, extra-heavy axles, and 36-in. steel wheels.

ent concern, the Iron Ore Company of Canada. The present fleet of these cars numbers 1,200 units, with 800 more of similar design now on order for delivery by or before the beginning of the 1955 ore shipping season. The 1,200 ore cars were built by the Pullman-Standard Car Manufacturing Company at Butler, Pa., but many of their parts were fabricated in Canada.

Designed for sturdiness and economy of operation, and maximum possible freedom from maintenance, the ore cars are planned to carry the largest possible load (251,000 lb gross) within the limits of 6 1/2-in. by 12-in. axles and two four-wheel trucks.

They are solid-bottom gondolas, all welded, with outside stakes and sloping sides and ends, smooth on the inside, to facilitate rapid clearing of ore when the cars are rotated in the tandem rotary car dumper at Seven Islands. Since unloading is exclusively by dumper, no bottom doors are needed.

Dimensions, weights and capacities of the cars are shown in the table at the right, while other special features of design are outlined on page 50.

**Other Cars**—Other freight cars presently in service,

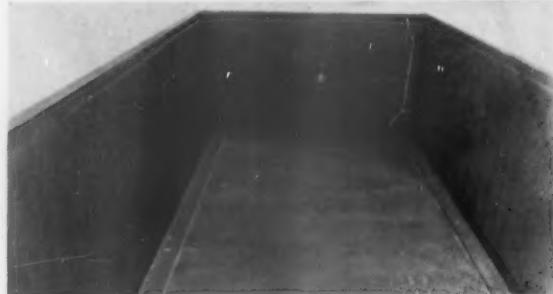
## ORE CARS— Dimensions, Weights and Capacities

	Ft	In.
Length between pulling faces .....	34	0
Length over striking castings .....	31	5 1/2
Length between truck centers .....	20	6 *
Length inside top .....	29	1 3/8
Length inside bottom .....	27	11 3/4
Wheelbase .....	5	10
Width, overall .....	10	5 13/16
Width inside top .....	9	7 1/4
Width inside bottom .....	8	5 3/8
Height, overall, from top of rail .....	8	8 1/16
Height inside .....	5	0
Cubic capacity, level full** .....	1,283 cu ft	
Cubic capacity with 16% heap** .....	1,490 cu ft	
Light weight .....	54,600 lb	
Load limit .....	196,000 lb	
Total weight on rail .....	251,000 lb	

\*To reduce nosing, length of cars between truck centers has been made the maximum feasible within limits of economical body design.

\*\*Based on average ore density of 130 lb per cu ft.

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INTERIORS of the all-welded ore cars are smooth, and sloped, to permit rapid clearing of the cars in the tandem rotary dumper at Seven Islands.

and owned by the railroad itself for supply and work purposes, include 175 70-ton hopper ballast cars; 95 box cars; 280 flat cars; 58 air-dump cars; 15 steel cabooses; a number of tank cars; five spreaders, and two snow plows. The hopper cars and cabooses were built by the Canadian Car & Foundry Co.; the cabooses have Hyatt roller bearings. Some of the air-dump cars were built by



LOCOMOTIVE MAINTENANCE, to be concentrated in the slack winter periods, will be handled in this new diesel shop, which is located in the Seven Islands yard.

the Eastern Car Company and some by the National Steel Car Company. Most of the other freight-train cars were purchased secondhand.

The company also has a generous supply of bunk, boarding and kitchen cars for construction and ballast crews; a few passenger cars for transportation of railroad or mine personnel; and two office cars.

## **What It Will Haul—and How**

### *The Iron Ore*

The QNS&L has been designed, built and equipped for the sole purpose of hauling iron ore, produced by the Iron Ore Company of Canada, from the new mines surrounding Schefferville to docks at Seven Islands. Although the railroad will shortly assume common carrier status, its traffic, at least for the foreseeable future, will consist entirely of such ore—plus, of course, supplies and personnel for operation of mines or the railroad.

The ore itself is of three kinds—"blue," or hematite, ore, containing little or no chemically combined water; "brown" ore, and "yellow" ore. Its average iron content runs from 50% to something in excess of 60%.

The 44 ore bodies so far "proved" lie in an area about 30 miles long by six miles wide; and, within that area, in pockets averaging over 300 ft in depth. The "overburden"—rock, earth and other material covering the ore itself—averages not over 12 ft in thickness, and in some places is only two or three feet deep. Hence, the actual mining is relatively simple and economical.

The ore is loosened, where necessary by blasting; and is then scooped out by 6-yd Marion or 2½-yd Bucyrus-Erie shovels. In present preliminary operations, depending on the location of the ore body being worked, and its relation to spur track, the ore may be loaded by shovel directly into railroad cars or into 15-yd, 33-ton Euclid trucks. These trucks, in turn, may dump directly into cars from built-up ramps or into a crusher, from which the ore is carried by belt conveyor to a loading pocket under which empty cars are spotted in much the same way that hopper cars are spotted for loading at coal mine tipples. In the permanent operation, all ore will go by truck to crusher and loading pocket. An automatic tripper on the loading mechanism in this pocket prevents

overloading of cars. Average truck haul to cars or crusher is short—considerably less than a mile at present.

Production plans call for shipment of 10 million tons of ore during an average annual mining season of 150 to 180 days; but this production could probably be doubled (to 20 million tons) if necessary. The 10-million ton goal, however, is not likely to be reached until 1956 or 1957. Movement during this 1954 year of "test, tryout and break-in" is expected to total only about 1.5 million tons; in 1955, around 6 million tons.

### *Train Operation*

Annual ore production of 10 million tons during a 150-180 day mining season would call for six or more loaded 100-car ore trains, and an equal number of empty trains, every 24 hours. At present, average daily movement is only three ore trains and three empty trains.

As ballasting is completed and track, particularly in muskeg country, becomes stabilized, speed limits will probably be increased from the present 30-mph maximum (20 mph on descending grades) to the calculated optimum of 40 mph for loaded trains and 50 mph for empty trains, with some reductions below those limits on curves of six degrees or more. This speed increase will, in turn, substantially reduce overall running time, which currently averages 16 hours. The fastest overall time recorded up to early September was 11 hr, 22 min—by an inspection train.

Except in number and speed of trains, increased ore production is not likely to require any basic change in the railroad's present operating practices. There may, however, be some changes in train loadings, because the diesel locomotives are giving a better performance than was anticipated. Originally, it was planned to use four

diesel units for 115 loaded ore cars—an average, excluding caboose, of 28.75 cars per power unit. Actual experience to date has proved, however, that three diesel units can satisfactorily handle as many as 100 loaded ore cars—an average, again excluding caboose, of 33.33 cars per unit. Hence, operation may eventually be standardized on a basis of loaded trains of 105 cars plus caboose, and three diesel units, or longer trains with four units.

Ore trains are assembled for southward movement at Silver Lake yard, which is about 1½ miles below the actual northern railhead at Schefferville. Loaded ore cars are brought to Silver Lake over several spurs radiating out from the yard to the various nearby mining operations. New spurs will be built, and present spurs lengthened, moved or abandoned as progress of mining requires. These mine spurs are owned and operated, not by the railroad, but by its parent corporation, the Iron Ore Company of Canada. Loaded cars inbound to Silver Lake, and empty cars outbound from Silver Lake for distribution to mines, are handled on the spurs by IOCC train crews. About seven miles of spur track are now in operation in the area.

From Silver Lake, loaded ore trains normally run non-stop to Oreway, where crews are changed and equipment inspected in preparation for another non-stop run to Seven Islands. Under the railroad's operating plan, these loaded trains have right-of-way over empties, and will normally hold main track when meeting northbound empties.

Empty trains are assembled in the "empty" yard at Seven Islands for the northward run to Silver Lake yard. These trains, however, will ordinarily be required to stop on sidings for meets with southbound trains.

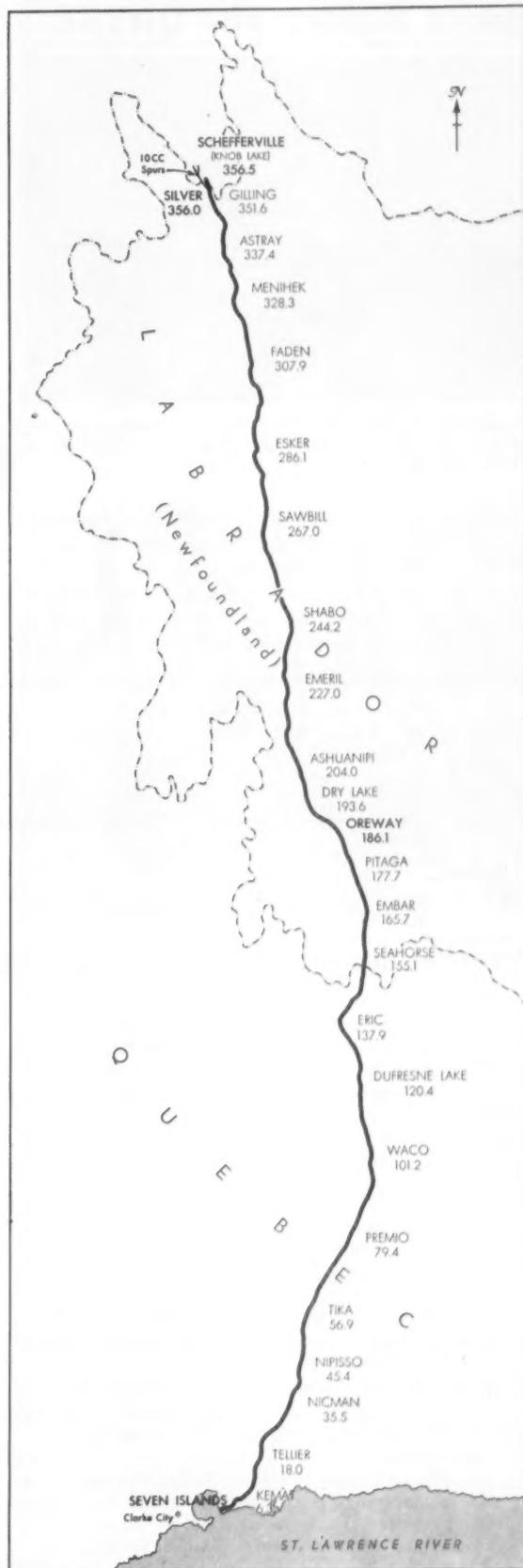
In addition to ore trains, the railroad contemplates operation of one supply train and two "express supply" trains each week. The supply train will carry heavy supplies to mining and railroad camps, and do whatever local switching is necessary. "Express supply" trains will distribute food and other lighter supplies of the kind that, in the United States or elsewhere in Canada, would probably be designated as "express."

All trains are classified as "extras." For record-keeping purposes ore-car trains are identified consecutively by number, the numbers being preceded by "L" for a loaded train and "E" for an empty train. "L105," for example, indicates the 105th loaded ore train operated southbound this year.

**Train Crews**—Train crews will normally work in what is described as a "continuous relay chain-gang pool" out of Seven Islands. They will take an empty train to Oreway, 186 miles and from six to eight hours (under anticipated normal operation), north; will lay over there for an eight-hour rest period; complete the run to Silver Lake; take another rest period there; and repeat the same schedule, in reverse, in returning to Seven Islands. Normal layover at Seven Islands is expected to be from 24 to 36 hr, which will make it possible for men to establish a permanent home if they wish to do so. Necessary housing for layover crews is being provided at Oreway, Silver Lake and several other points.

**Centralized Traffic Control**—All road trains will

THE QNS&L has two subdivisions—Wacouna, from Seven Islands to Oreway, and Menihek, from Oreway to Schefferville—and 23 passing sidings.



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**SOUTHBOUND ORE TRAINS** hold main track in meets; power switches at south ends of sidings divert northbound empties into sidings.

be operated under a system of centralized traffic control, especially designed to meet the railroad's particular operating problems. At present, the CTC system extends only to MP 166, with operation north of that point by train order, but by the beginning of the 1955 mining season CTC will be in operation over the full 356 miles

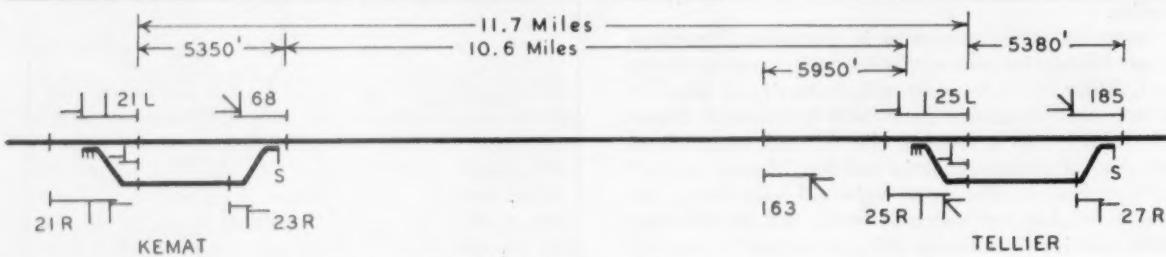


**SPRING SWITCHES** at north ends of sidings permit northbound trains to pull out without stopping after meeting a southbound train.

from Seven Islands to Schefferville. The CTC system is controlled, and all dispatching is done, from Seven Islands.

How CTC governs actual train movements, and details of the system itself, are outlined below and on page 58.

**Other Train Communications**—Beside the CTC,



### TYPICAL SIDING-TO-SIDING SIGNAL LAYOUT

Centralized traffic control signal and siding layouts on the QNS&L have been specially designed to fulfill its operating requirements, by permitting loaded southbound ore trains to hold main track when meeting northbound empties, and requiring the latter to take sidings.

Consequently, 22 of the railroad's 23 passing sidings have power switches at south ends, to route northbound trains into sidings, and spring switches at north ends to permit northbound trains to pull out without stopping. The sole exception is the siding at Oreway, where crews change, which has power switches at both ends.

In a typical siding-to-siding layout, such as is shown in the diagram, there is at each power switch a standard arrangement of three dispatcher-controlled signals (e.g., 163, 25L and 25R) to authorize trains to proceed either north or south on main track, or to enter siding. The leave-siding signal (27R) is the only dispatcher-controlled signal at the spring switch (north) end.

Southward signal 185, immediately in approach to the spring switch, is an automatic signal that serves two purposes: (1) As facing-point protection for the switch; and (2) as an approach signal for dispatcher-

controlled signal 25L at the south end of the siding. Northward signal 163 is the approach signal for northward dispatcher-controlled signal 25R at the power switch.

Train movements are authorized by aspects displayed by signals at sidings, such as signals 21L, 21R and 23R at Kemat. These signals, as well as comparable signals at other sidings, and power switches, are controlled by levers in the dispatcher's office at Seven Islands.

Normally, trains moving in the same direction are spaced uniformly throughout a 24-hr period, i.e., if four loaded trains are dispatched southward in a day, they are about six hours, and from 80 to 100 miles apart. Therefore, there was no reason for installing intermediate automatic block signals to permit following trains to occupy the same siding-to-siding block.

A typical block, for use by one train at a time, extends from one power switch to the next power switch; for example, from northward signal 21R at Kemat to northward signal 25R at Teller. Because of the rough terrain, sidings could not be constructed equal distances apart; the interval between them ranges from 4.4 to 23 miles. Their locations are indicated in the sketch map on page 53.

all road locomotives and cabooses are, or soon will be, equipped with Motorola two-channel radio. One channel is for communication between head and rear ends of the same train; between trains, or between trains and way-side radio stations at Seven Islands, Oreway and Schefferville. The second channel is for communication with the yardmaster when a locomotive is in the yard.

In addition to the conventional radio on each caboose, a walkie-talkie set is provided for trainmen inspecting trains.

There are also three railroad-owned automatic telephone exchanges, at Seven Islands, Oreway and Schefferville. Those at the two latter points were manufactured by the Automatic Electric Company. The three are interconnected by trunk lines, so a man in any office can dial through to any phone in any of the three exchanges, or trainmen can call in from sidings. A manual switchboard at Seven Islands is used to connect through to the commercial telephone system.

#### **IOCC Terminal at Seven Islands**

As previously stated, and as shown in the diagram on page 56, the tidewater terminal yard at Seven Islands is a hump-retarder facility, incorporating a 500-car receiving yard, a 760-car classification yard, and a 500-car "empty" yard, all of which can, and probably will, be enlarged at some future date. There is also a car dumper; a system of belt conveyors leading from dumper to ship loading docks, or, alternately, to ore storage piles; tracks serving those piles; and a combination yard office and scale-house, with a second-story yardmaster's office, at the crest of the hump.

Like the mine spurs near Schefferville, all yard facilities at Seven Islands are owned and operated by the Iron Ore Company of Canada; the only QNS&L properties in the yard area are locomotive repair shops and locomotive storage sheds.

On arrival at Seven Islands, a loaded ore train goes directly to the receiving yard and then is pushed up to the hump leading to the classification yard, which is beyond, and in a straight line with, the receiving yard. Just below the crest of the hump is an electronic track scale, manufactured by Cox & Stevens Aircraft division, Revere Corporation of America, which automatically records the weight of each car on the car's master IBM record card (described below). This weighing is accomplished in three seconds, during which the car must be on the scale by itself.

Except that each car is humped singly—there are no two- or three-car cuts—the humping operation is conventional, at an average speed of four cars per minute, with a possible maximum of 7.5 cars. Power switches and retarders are in service, using automatic switching controls for switches and conventional controls for retarders. Automatic retarder controls could be added later when the yard is enlarged.

All switch and retarder equipment was furnished by the General Railway Signal Company.

Cars are classified according to the analysis of the ore they carry, so they may be dumped in such order that the mixture of ore delivered into the hold of a ship will meet selling specifications.

At the lower end of the classification tracks, sidearm



**THIS MACHINE** controls power switches and retarders in the "empty" yard at Seven Islands. Radio controls are located at each side of the panel.

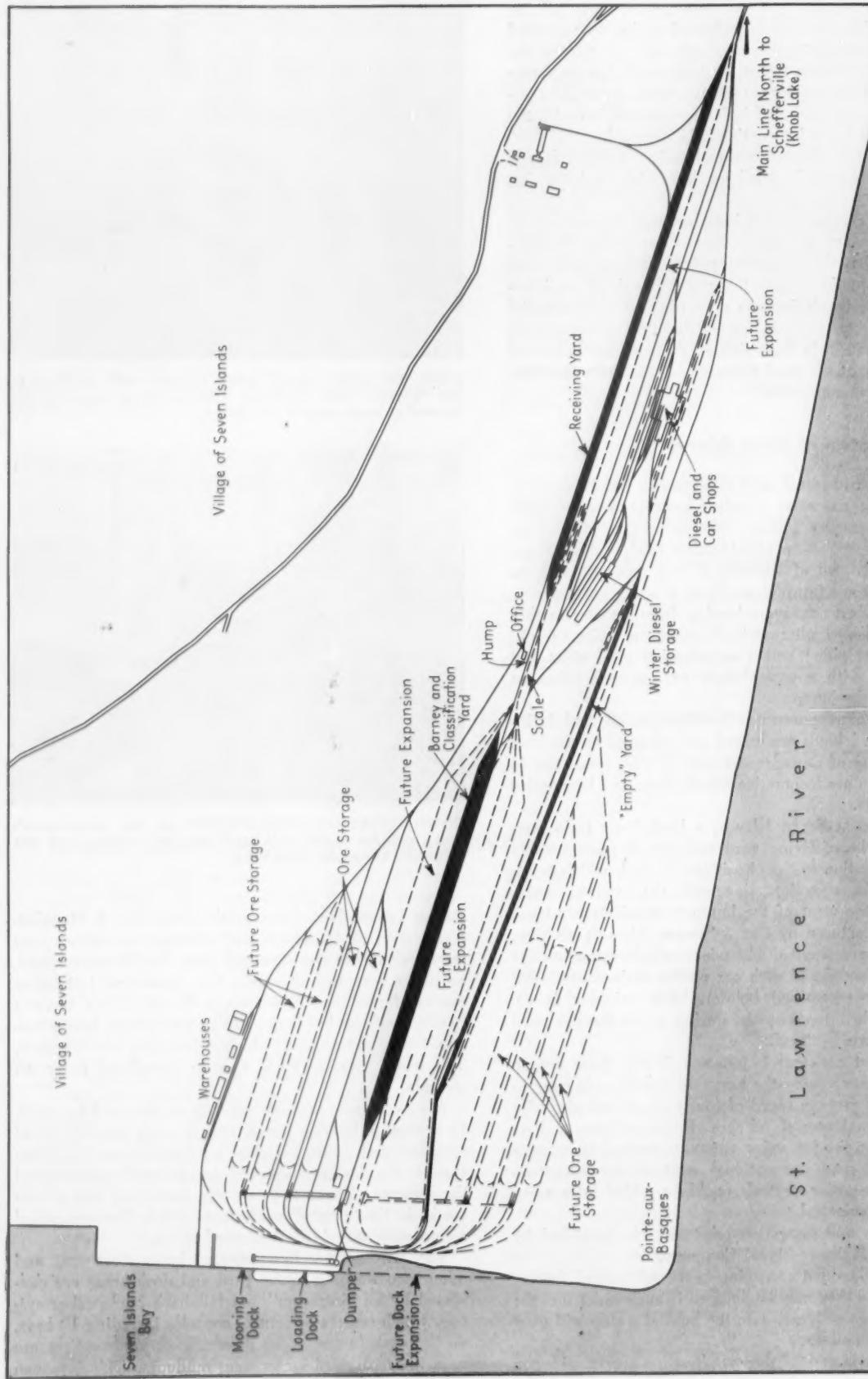


**COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT** on the yardmaster's desk includes radio, talk-back speaker system, and the railroad's automatic telephone.

pusher locomotives, built by the Atlas Car & Manufacturing Co., of Cleveland, and running on narrow-gage tracks alongside the standard-gage classification tracks, move the cars, two at a time, to a barney pit just below the reinforced concrete dumper house. From there a barney hoist pushes them, still two at a time, into a tandem rotary car dumper, which rotates and empties them. The whole two-car cycle can be completed every 65 seconds.

After cars pass through the dumper they roll by gravity around a 180-deg curve, and through another set of retarders and power switches, separately controlled from those in the classification yard, and 80 car-lengths beyond the dumper. There the cars are routed to one of the tracks in the "empty" yard, from which they are pulled to make up outgoing northbound trains.

The yardmaster, humpmaster, hump foreman, and other men working in the yard and dock areas are connected by an "intercom" and talk-back loudspeaker system, which centers in control consoles including 10 keys, on the desk in the hump office. Small loudspeakers are used in offices, and larger ones outdoors. This intercom



## SEVEN ISLANDS TERMINAL

Loaded ore trains, inbound from the main line, go directly to the receiving yard (lower right). Cars are then humped one at a time, weighed, and classified according to type of ore they carry. From the classification yard they are moved two at a

time, by sidearm pusher locomotives and harney, to a car dumper (left center), and then allowed to roll by gravity around a 180-deg curve into a retarder-controlled "empty" yard, where they are made up into trains for return to the mines around Schefferville. Conveyor belts move ore from the dumper to vessels or to stock piles. Ample room has been allowed for future expansion of all facilities.

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1 AN ELECTRONIC SCALE weighs each car humped. Note fog lights over far left corner of scale.



2 RETARDERS and power switches control cars moving down the hump onto classification tracks.

and talk-back system was made by the Electronic Communications Equipment Company.

**Roller Bearings, Fog—and TV**—Although the yard is basically conventional, both in design and operation, it presented several interesting problems which merit special mention.

For one thing, it is the first yard ever planned or built for exclusive use by roller-bearing cars. IOCC design engineers drew heavily on all experience available on U.S. and Canadian railroads, but still had to make many modifications in their early plans. Eventually, the problem was worked out by installing a test track in both loaded and empty yards, and then revising the other tracks on the basis of experience gained from those test tracks. "The only real problem now remaining," a terminal officer told a *Railway Age* reporter, is that of occasional wind resistance to empty cars rolling around the 180-deg curve between car dumper and empty yard. As can be seen from the diagram (facing page), a strong easterly wind, blowing in from the Gulf of St. Lawrence, would hit these cars head-on about halfway around this curve.

Another problem, of special concern to retarder operators, is the heavy fog which frequently shrouds the yard because of its proximity to the water, concealing cars from the operator's view. This difficulty was solved by installing, just below the hump crest, and across the track from the yard office and retarder tower, a battery of six sodium-vapor lights which, even in a heavy fog, cast enough of a shadow from passing cars to guide retarder operators.

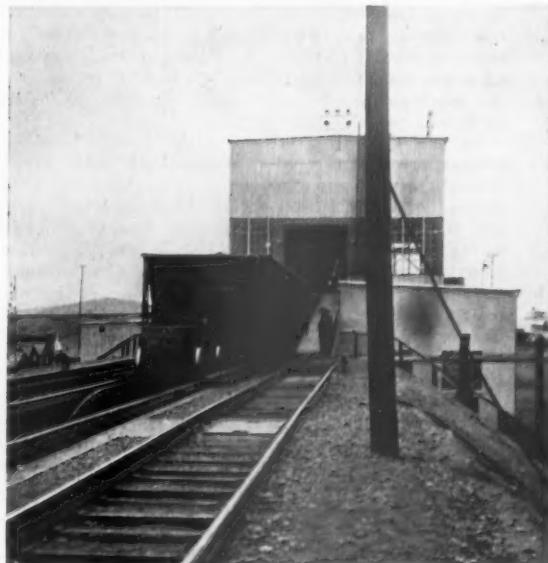
Experiments have also been conducted successfully with a television camera set up at the entrance to the receiving yard to show car numbers in inbound trains on a receiving set in the hump office.

Locomotives used in the yard are equipped with two-frequency radio, also furnished by Motorola. One frequency is used for communication with the trainmaster and yardmaster; the other, when in the dock area, for communication with the man in charge of operation of the car dumper and of movement of ore to the docks. Walkie-talkie radio sets are used by foremen on the docks.

Because the QNS&L is essentially a one-commodity railroad, with all cars running through from terminal to



3 CARS ARE SHOVED in pairs from classification yard to barney pit by narrow-gage sidearm pusher.



4 STILL TWO AT A TIME, cars are moved by barney into a tandem rotary car dumper.



**OVERALL OBJECTIVE** of the QNS&L is fast, economical delivery of iron ore to Seven Islands.

terminal, record-keeping can be, and is, a relatively simple—and highly mechanized—operation.

As each car is loaded at the mines, 21 or 22 small samples of ore are removed from it. These are analyzed at Schefferville, and the analysis is Teletyped to the hump office at Seven Islands in advance of the train's arrival to serve as a basis for its classification. The receiving Teletype machine in the Seven Islands hump office both page prints, for the information of yard forces, and cuts a tape. This tape, in turn, when fed into an IBM machine, cuts an IBM card for each car, showing car number, whether loaded or empty, kind of ore, mine number, and date. These cards, kept in car order for each train, are stored until the train is classified. They are then fed into the scale recording mechanism, which automatically

punches into them the electronically determined gross weight of each car as it goes over the hump. The cards then go to the ore company's IBM offices for calculation of net weights and for record and billing purposes.

There are no other waybills, and the only record a train conductor has to keep is a list, in order, of his car numbers, corrected, if necessary, to show set-outs or pick-ups. Television "grabbing" of car numbers at the entrance to the receiving yard would, of course, serve as a check on the conductor's records, and would eliminate errors which might result from a change in a train's consist, or from the unlikely event of the IBM cards getting out of order in the hump office.

#### Where the Ore Goes

As the ore is unloaded from cars in the rotary dumper, it falls onto a grizzly, and from there, depending on its size, into a hopper or a crusher. From either, it falls again onto a short 72-in. reversible belt conveyor in the basement of the reinforced concrete dumper house; this, in turn, can be regulated to feed the ore onto either a 48-in. belt conveyor leading directly to an outdoor stockpile, or onto two 60-in. belt conveyors leading to two concrete mixing bins, and thence to dockside for direct loading into steamships.

There are at present about 2½ miles of belting, which will be increased as new stockpiles are established or more ship loading space created. The longest single belt is 4,300 ft. Speed of the belts is 529 ft per minute; they travel on steel bearings except beneath the bins, where rubber and fiber impact rollers are used because of weight and pressure of falling ore. Each belt is estimated to be (Continued on page 60)

#### SIGNALS AND POWER SUPPLY

*Centralized traffic control* on the QNS&L is operated from Seven Islands. The track diagram on the control machine has lamps which are lighted to show locations of trains on corresponding sections of main track or on sidings. The desk section of the machine includes an automatic graphic recorder to record movement of trains.

In the signaling system, track circuits between sidings are the normally de-energized coded type. When a lever-controlled signal is to be cleared, a preliminary part of the control is to feed the track circuits, cascade, from the leaving end to the entering end of the siding-to-siding block. Thus, the signals are controlled by track circuits without wayside line-wire circuits. The CTC line code controls and return indications are carried on two wires on the pole line. CTC equipment was furnished by the General Railway Signal Company, and installed by railroad forces.

The pole line is unusual in that it has only four wires—one pair for 23,000-volt a-c power for signaling, and the other pair for the CTC line code, as well as for all telephone and Teletype communications. Each "wire" consists of strands of aluminum, spiral wound on a steel core, overall conductivity being equal to that of No. 4 copper. Where terrain permits, poles are spaced 20 to the mile, but, where necessary, spans range up to 1,500 ft.

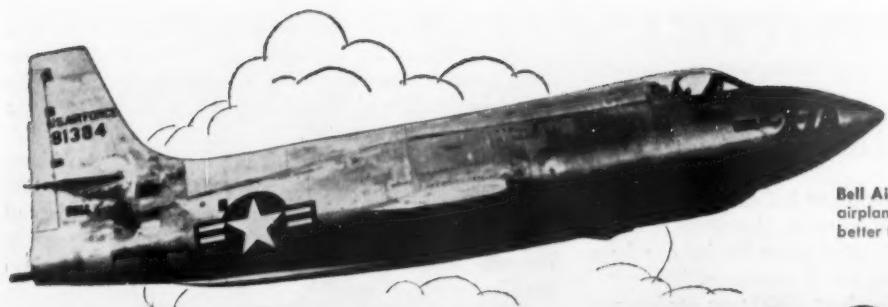
Large, high-voltage insulators are used not only

on the 23,000-volt circuit, but also on the second circuit as a means of minimizing noise on the communications. They are on side brackets, the 23,000-volt pair at the top of each pole being spaced 36 in. apart, and the second pair, 13½ ft lower, 24 in. apart. Power wires are not transposed, but the bottom pair are in a continuous roll that is completed every fifth pole, thus minimizing interference.

Communications circuits, on the lower pair of pole-line wires, include the dispatcher's telephone on the physical pair, and 11 single channels of carrier. The dispatcher's circuit is connected to phones in numerous offices, in boxes at ends of sidings, and at other locations along the railroad. Ten voice circuits, and six Teletype circuits are derived from the carrier. If either of the two lower wires on the pole line is broken, the communications carrier can be switched over to operate on the two top wires which transmit the 23,000-volt a-c power.

Carrier apparatus was furnished by the Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

Power for signaling, communications and other purposes—including belt conveyors at Seven Islands—is 23,000-volt a-c, single phase, and is obtained from two new hydroelectric projects, Marguerite Dam at Clarke City, just a few miles west of Seven Islands, and Menihek Dam, at MP 330. The Clarke City project develops 25,000 hp; power from it is fed north as far as Oreway. Menihek dam develops 12,000 hp, which is fed south to Oreway and north to Schefferville, and can be quadrupled if necessary.

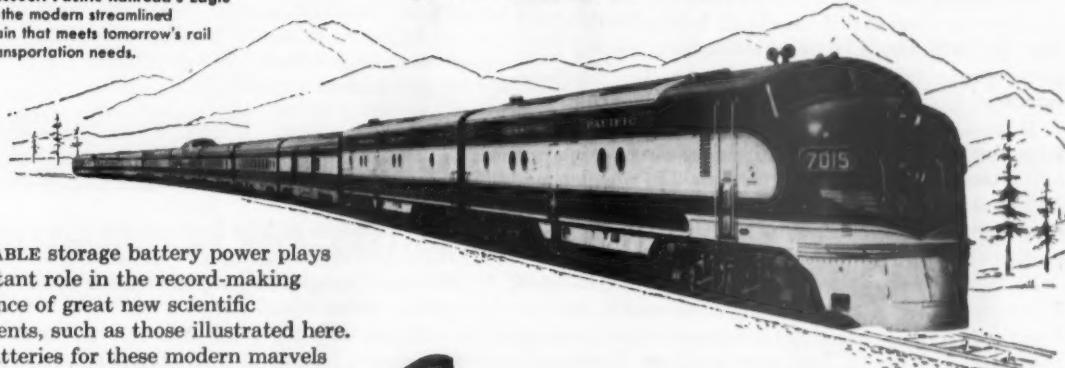


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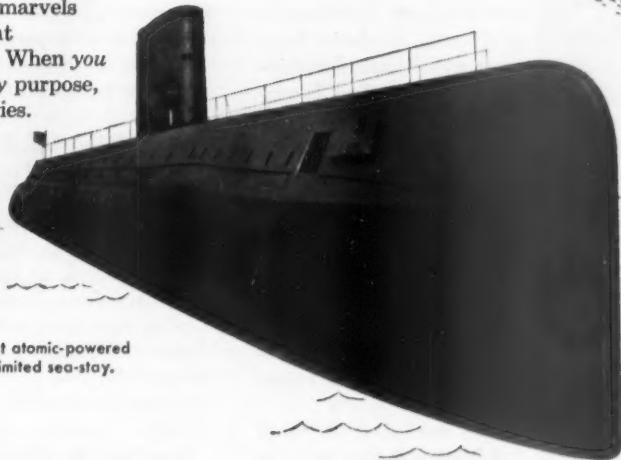
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capable of handling up to 30 million tons of ore before requiring renewal.

Capacity of the belts, operating at full speed, is about 8,000 tons an hour, with an average of around 6,500 tons, which means that a 25,000-ton ore carrier can be loaded in about four hours, or less if necessary. The car dumper is capable of handling about 9,000 tons per hour, but its operation will be regulated to the speed of the belts. Conveyors and loading docks are floodlighted for round-the-clock operation.

The docks have a loading frontage of 800 ft, which can be extended later if necessary; a mooring frontage of 300 ft for ships waiting for loads; and water depth at low tide of 37 ft—more than enough to accommodate the largest ore vessels. In addition to the ore-conveying machinery, they have a 150-ton stiff-leg crane, which was used to unload railroad cars and locomotives shipped into Seven Islands by water.

The rotary dumper was furnished by the Wellman Engineering Company of Cleveland; belting by the Good-year Tire & Rubber Co. and the Dominion Rubber Company; and conveying machinery by the Stephens-Adamson Manufacturing Company, Belleville, Ont.

**Beyond Seven Islands**—This year's ore is moving from Seven Islands almost entirely by ocean-going vessel, principally to such U.S. ports as Philadelphia and Baltimore (1,550 water-miles); and this type of movement will probably continue to account for a large proportion of all ore handled.

By the opening of the 1955 shipping season, however, it is expected that a transshipping dock, now under construction, will be available at Contrecoeur, Que., on the south bank of the St. Lawrence just east of Montreal. Ore moved to that point from Seven Islands in large vessels will be transferred there to canal boats for shipment to Great Lakes ports. This Contrecoeur dock is considered as a temporary facility, to be used until completion of the St. Lawrence Seaway permits ore shipments from Seven Islands direct to Lake ports in the same vessel.

Ultimate destinations to which shipment is now contemplated include: In Pennsylvania—Aliquippa, Butler, Midland, Monessen, Neville Island, Pittsburgh and Sharon; in Ohio—Cleveland, Hamilton, Middletown, Steubenville, Struthers, Warren and Youngstown; in West Virginia—Weirton and Wheeling; in New York—Buffalo; and in Kentucky—Ashland. Additional points may, of course, be added later.

**Why Stockpile?**—Ore will be stockpiled at Seven Islands for two reasons. The first is because the ore shipping season is expected to run from 200 to 240 days a year, or just about 33 1/3% longer than the anticipated 150-180-day mining season. Hence, the stockpiles will provide a reserve from which ore can be shipped after the mines close down each fall, and before they open up each spring.

The second reason is to avoid holding ore cars under load; that, IOCC and QNS&L officers say, is something that just won't be done.

Stockpiles are expected to total, at maximum, about

two million tons of ore, although perhaps double that quantity will pass through them in the course of an operating year. On the other hand, a lower stockpile capacity would be possible if the mining season should turn out to be longer than expected.

Removal of ore from stockpiles for shipment will require reloading it into railroad cars, and then sending those cars through receiving and classification yards and car dumper, just as described above. Thus, ore going through the stockpile would be humped twice—once into the pile and once out of it.

**Winter Operation?**—While winter operation of the railroad, on a substantial scale, is not presently contemplated—since there would be little for it to haul when mines are not running—the possibility of such winter operation apparently holds no special terrors for the men on the ground. Schefferville, they point out, is only a little farther north than Edmonton, Alta., and on almost exactly the same latitude as the extreme southern tip of Alaska.

Snow conditions—which, strangely enough, are worse around the QNS&L's southern end than its northern—would be no more severe, they think, than those encountered by Canadian lines north of the Great Lakes, or by many railroads in different parts of the United States. "The winter," as one of them put it, "would be longer, but no worse."

## Maintenance Policies

Maintenance policies have not yet been worked out in full detail, either for track or equipment, and are subject to change as operating experience and operating requirements dictate.

**Track**—Section gangs now vary in size according to the work to be done in a given territory. Present thinking leans toward a permanent maintenance organization of 30 gangs, each handling approximately 12 miles of line. Existing gangs are using a full complement of power tools, and such mechanization will undoubtedly be a regular feature of future maintenance work.

**Equipment**—Plans for maintenance of equipment are a little more fully matured. A diesel shop—Transite siding on concrete foundations—has been built in Seven Islands yard, to serve, when necessary machinery has been installed, as locomotive maintenance headquarters for the entire railroad.

Car maintenance also will be centralized at Seven Islands, although no permanent building has yet been erected for that purpose. Meantime, necessary car work is being handled on outside rip tracks, or in one of two outsize "Quonset huts," with three interior tracks apiece. These huts also serve as winter storage sheds for diesel locomotives.

Generally, it is contemplated that all heavy equipment maintenance will be concentrated during winter months, when mines are not operating, and when the railroad is either shut down or running at a small percentage of its capacity.

Such a program will insure maximum availability of all equipment during the summer operating peak, when maintenance can be limited to inspection and (Continued on page 62)

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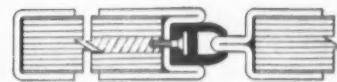
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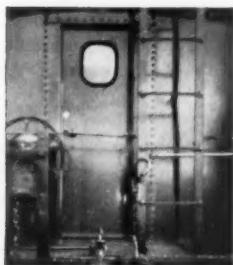


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running repairs. Diesel units, incidentally, are expected to average about 100,000 miles each during a "10-million-ton year," and this will make them just about ready for major overhaul each winter.

### Who's Behind It

#### The Companies

The entire project is under the general direction of Hollinger-Hanna, Ltd., a Canadian company equally owned by the M. A. Hanna Company, of Cleveland, and Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines.

The Quebec, North Shore & Labrador Railway is, itself, a Canadian company, wholly owned by the Iron Ore Company of Canada. That, despite its name, is incorporated in Delaware; and is jointly owned, in turn, by the Hanna Coal & Ore Corp. (a subsidiary of M. A. Hanna Company); Armcost Steel Corporation; National Steel Corporation; Republic Steel Corporation; Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co.; Wheeling Steel Corporation; Hollinger Consolidated Gold Mines, Ltd.; Hollinger North Shore Exploration Company; and Labrador Mining & Exploration Co. The two last-named concerns were the organizations which, in Quebec and Labrador, respectively, explored and proved the ore deposits under concessions granted by the provincial governments of Quebec and Labrador (Newfoundland).

#### The Personnel

QNS&L employees have come principally from other Canadian railroads; the company frankly states that it "borrowed heavily for both personnel and advice" from those railroads, and some of its men have been sent to them for further training.

Operation of the railroad alone, in a "10-million-ton year," is expected to require from 700 to 800 men. Nearly 7,000 were employed at last year's peak period of construction, and present employment on railroad, mines, power plants, town sites, etc., is about 4,600.

Actual management of the railroad under IOCC Project Manager C. E. McManus, is in charge of J. A. Little. A. Bybee is superintendent; J. H. Miller is chief mechanical officer; R. A. Sharood, chief engineer; B. M. Monaghan, assistant chief engineer; A. K. Hansen, superintendent of communications and signals; and W. E. Switzer, signal engineer. J. W. Buford, vice-president of the Hanna Coal & Ore Corp., is acting as coordinator for the entire integrated project, including mines, railroad and terminals, for Hanna and the IOCC.

#### What It Cost

Total cost of the whole integrated development is approximately \$250 million, of which the railroad alone accounted for between 60 and 80%—from \$150 million to \$200 million.

More precise figures are not available, partly be-

cause the railroad is still not wholly "finished," and partly because the project necessarily involved many joint costs which have not been broken down.

The owning companies contributed, in varying proportions, out of their own funds, a total of \$100 million; the remaining \$150 million was borrowed—\$100 million at 3 3/4% and \$50 million at 4 1/4%—from a group of 19 U.S. and Canadian insurance companies.

### What About the Future?

Deposits of high-grade direct shipping iron ore "proved" by 12 years of exploration along the Quebec-Labrador border total 417 million tons. Any other figure, one billion tons or two, is, according to geologists on the job, pure guesswork. The 417 million tons is the only "official" figure.

But that alone, mined at the estimated rate of 10 million tons a year, will keep the QNS&L running for 40 years to come.

Meantime, prospecting and exploration are continuing on an intensive basis, with many small geological parties, supplied by float planes, working north and west of Schefferville every summer. The reason for this activity is that, five years after ore production begins, the major part of the land covered by the original exploration concessions will revert to the provincial governments. The Labrador Mining & Exploration Co., in other words, must give up, by 1959, all but 1,000 sq mi of the 20,000 sq mi of Labrador which it now has the right to explore; one-quarter of that, i.e., 250 sq mi, will go to the IOCC. The Hollinger North Shore Exploration Company, in turn, must give up by 1959 all but 300 sq mi of its original 3,900-sq-mi concession in Quebec; 250 of this will go to IOCC. The 500 sq mi to be held by IOCC after 1959 need not be contiguous, but it is understandable that the company, having explored, financed and built the whole development, wants to retain the best of what has been found, or may be found within the next five years.

Reversion to the "Crown" of the bulk of the original concession areas will, in turn, open them to exploration by other interests—and it is by no means impossible that such other interests may, in time, become important shippers over the QNS&L.

Meantime, the development has given Seven Islands something of the aspect of a "boom town," increasing its population six-fold, to 6,000, with perhaps another 1,000 still to come. It is creating in the remote wilderness, once inhabited only by itinerant trappers, a new town—Schefferville—with a population which it is estimated will reach 2,500. It has led to talk of a tremendous power development to be built someday at the Grand Falls of the eastward-flowing Hamilton river—a development which could be rail-connected to the QNS&L main line somewhere in the neighborhood of MP 224.

Whether or not that development, or others, ever come to fruition, and regardless of the results of continuing exploration, the work already accomplished makes it clear that "New Quebec" and Labrador are going to be important factors in the expanding economy of Canada, and in the industry and defense of the United States. And the key to that importance is the Quebec, North Shore & Labrador Railway!

# Benchmarks and Yardsticks

**MOST PEOPLE** who have grown up into their present jobs are usually inclined, at first, to resent the intrusion of so-called "experts," called in to introduce some new technique into their work. But revolutionary new methods and devices are seldom generated on the job. They usually come from "outside"—and who is there who can introduce such new methods quickly, except the "experts" who have some knowledge of them?

We know something about this problem in our publishing business. From observing some magazines of popular circulation we became aware of the existence of improved methods of presenting information—methods which we could not quickly assimilate from seeing only the end product. So we employed, as a consultant, one of the outstanding experts in this work; and it is our belief that what we have learned from him has brought about a great improvement in the ease of reading this magazine. It would have taken us, maybe, a dozen years to have acquired command of these new methods by self-instruction.

The railroads, of course, faced the same situation on a huge scale when dieselization came along. Nobody, no matter how expert he was with steam power, could have learned quickly how to handle diesels, without the help of experts who had put in a lot of time with diesels.

One place where railroading could probably profit by using more "outside" help than has as yet been called in lies in the area of merchandising and marketing research and pricing. Most businesses which have never been otherwise than highly competitive long ago learned the techniques which tell them quickly and accurately what they must do to maximize their sales—and the prices which will maximize their profits. The answers to such vital questions are not left to hunches, or chance or unplanned experiment. Some railroads have already begun this scientific approach to their sales problem in the passenger department; and the Harvard Business School has undertaken a research project in this area (as announced elsewhere in these pages).

If the soap business and the food business and the automobile business can—and they do—use modern methods for keeping themselves at all times offering the kind of products that will increase their sales volume, and at attractive prices, is there any reason why railroads can't do the same thing, in both passenger and freight service?

Experience, it is correctly asserted, is the best teacher. Not only one's own experience—but the other fellow's experience too, if he has had some that we haven't. All-out competition is a novelty for the railroads and railroad men cannot in the very nature of things be expected to know too much about how to deal with it, yet. But there are other businesses that have never known anything else—and that probably have the answers that it will take the railroads a long time to get, if they limit themselves too narrowly to their own experience.

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## Securities

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Car Company at an estimated unit cost of \$8,487. The certificates, to be dated November 1, would mature in 30 semiannual installments of \$34,000 each. They would be sold by competitive bids, the interest rate to be determined by such bids.

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## Dividends Declared

**AKRON, CANTON & YOUNGSTOWN.**—new common (initial), 50¢, payable October 1 to holders of record September 17.

**ATLANTIC COAST LINE.**—5% non-cumulative preferred, \$2.50, semiannual, payable November 10 to holders of record October 22.

**CAROLINA, CLINCHFIELD & OHIO.**—\$1.25, quarterly, payable October 20 to holders of record October 8.

**CLEVELAND, CINCINNATI, CHICAGO & ST. LOUIS.**—5% preferred, \$1.25, quarterly, payable October 30 to holders of record October 6.

**LEHIGH VALLEY.**—30¢, quarterly, payable October 20 to holders of record October 8.

**MINNEAPOLIS, ST. PAUL & SAULT STE. MARIE.**—Common, 25¢, payable October 21 to holders of record October 7.

**NORTHERN PACIFIC.**—75¢, quarterly, payable October 27 to holders of record October 5.

**RICHMOND, FREDERICKSBURG & POTOMAC.**—voting common, 75¢, quarterly; dividend obligations, 75¢, quarterly; both payable October 1 to holders of record September 20.

**VERMONT & MASSACHUSETTS.**—\$3, semiannual, payable October 7 to holders of record September 28.

**WHEELING & LAKE ERIE.**—common, \$1.43 1/4, quarterly; 4% prior lien, \$1, quarterly; both payable November 1 to holders of record October 15.

## Security Price Averages

Sept.	Prev.	Last
28	Week	Year
Average price of 20 representative railway stocks	70.49	70.15
Average price of 20 representative bonds	96.41	96.55
		89.73

## Financial

**Missouri - Kansas - Texas.**—Recapitalization.—Donald V. Fraser, Katy president, has notified the road's stock-

holders that the outline of a recapitalization plan, submitted by committees representing preferred and common stockholders, will be presented to the directors at an October 8 meeting. A copy of the outline has been mailed to stockholders.

**St. Johnsbury & Lemoille County.**—Stock Issue.—This road has applied for ICC authority to issue 390 shares of \$100 par common stock, in addition to 1,000 shares now authorized.

## Advisory Board

### More Double-Door Cars Wanted by PNW Board

Citing the "stringent double-door box car problem" in its territory, the Pacific Northwest Advisory Board has approved a resolution calling for all roads—especially those in its territory—to acquire enough cars of that type "to protect traffic originating in this territory."

The resolution, passed by the board's (Continued on page 69)

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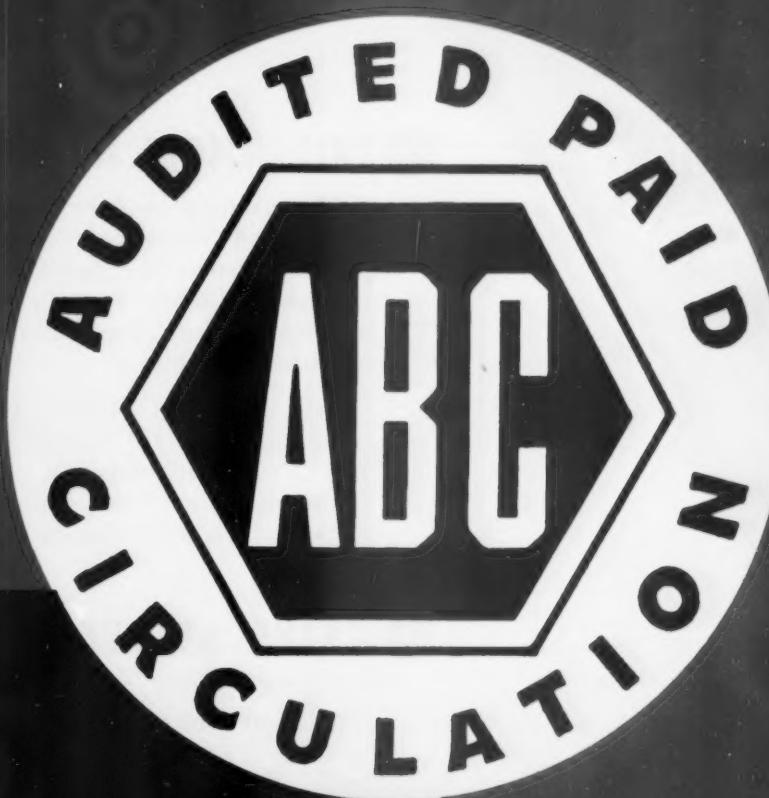
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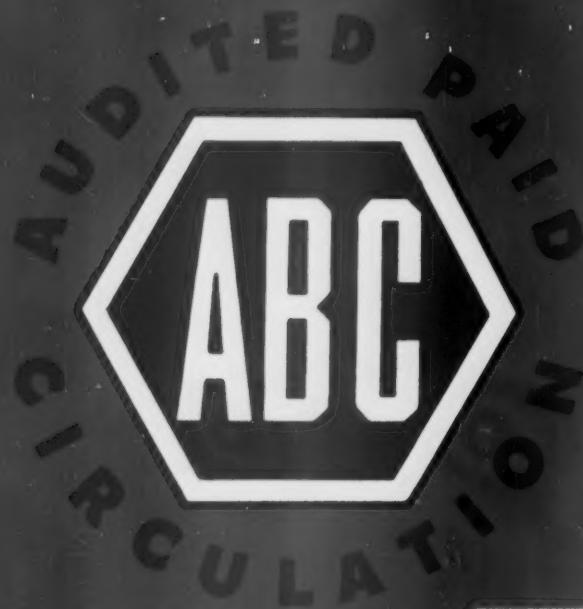
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executive committee and later by the board in general session, said lack of such equipment was "(1) creating a hardship on shippers and receivers of packaged and palletized freight because of their inability to mechanically load or unload, in most instances, single-door box cars and (2) diverting traffic to other means of transportation." The board will refer the resolution to the National Association of Shippers Advisory Boards meeting at Louisville, Ky., October 12.

## Abandonments

### Authorizations

**ARKANSAS WESTERN.**—To abandon a 20.8-mile segment of its line from a point two miles east of Waldron, Ark., to Forester.

**ATLANTIC COAST LINE.**—To abandon a half-mile segment of its main line at Pinners Point (Portsmouth) Va., formerly used to connect with boats operating to and from Norfolk.

**BOSTON & MAINE.**—To abandon a 37-mile line between Blackmount, N.H., and the Peigmawaser Valley-main line junction near Plymouth.

**ERIE.**—To abandon a 4.3-mile portion of its Toby branch from Hydes, Pa., to Kylers Corners, and its entire 1.4-mile Kyler Run branch at Kylers Corners.

**PORTLAND TERMINAL.**—To abandon 405 ft of its main line at Portland, Maine, a portion of which is to be taken by the Maine Turnpike Authority. The authority has agreed to pay the company \$292,000 for the easement.

**WHEELING & LAKES ERIE.**—To abandon a 5.7-mile portion of its Massillon line running through Burton City, Ohio, to Dalton Station.

## Traffic Research

### RR Passenger-Traffic Study Begins at Harvard

The Harvard School of Business Administration has inaugurated a research project into some aspects of the railroads' situation with regard to passenger traffic. The program is under direct supervision of Dr. George P. Baker, Professor of Transportation, and Arthur H. Tully, assistant director of research. Staff members who will devote full time to the program are Assistant Professors James Parks and Dwight Ladd—who will be doing this work in partial fulfillment of requirements for their doctorates. An advisory committee on the project has been named, as follows:

J. J. Alms general passenger traffic manager, Burlington; C. E. Bell, vice-president, public relations, Seaboard Air Line; R. M. Edgar, vice-president, Boston & Maine; K. H. Lyra, assistant comptroller, Illinois Central; J. E. Monroe, vice-president and director, Bureau of Railway Economics, AAR; E. C. Nickerson, vice-

## DOMESTIC EQUIPMENT ORDERS REPORTED BY RAILWAY AGE IN THIRD QUARTER 1954\*

LOCOMOTIVES			
Purchaser	No.	Type	Issue
Central Vermont	4	1,600-hp. Rd.-Sw.	Reported Sept. 13
GTW	17	1,750-hp. Rd.-Sw.	Sept. 13
UP	50	1,750-hp. Freight	Aug. 16
FREIGHT CARS			
Bangor & Aroostook	350	50-ton Refrigerator	Aug. 30
C&M	150	50-ton Box	Aug. 2
Columbia Geneva Steel Co.	9	90-ton Gondola	Aug. 30
Cotton Belt	275	50-ton Box	Sept. 27
DL&W	500	50-ton Box	Aug. 9
D&TS	100	Box	Sept. 13
FGE	300	50-ton Refrigerator	Sept. 6
GN	25	70-ton Gondola	July 26
GM&O	100	50-ton Pulpwood	Aug. 23
NC&StL	12	50-ton Pulpwood	July 5
Nevada Northern	4	Caboose	Aug. 2
New Haven	85	Covered Hopper	Aug. 30
Nickel Plate	150	Box	Sept. 13
North American Car Corp.	10	70-ton Phosphate	Aug. 23
Reserve Mining Co.	350	50-ton Ore	July 5
Rock Island	100	Box	Sept. 20
SP	1,500	Box	Aug. 30
Texas Natural Transport.	150	Tank	Aug. 23
TP&W	4	Caboose	Aug. 9
Transportation Material Command	40	50-ton Box	July 19
UP	50*	50-ton Hopper	July 19
WFE	200	70-ton Tank	Aug. 30
WM	200	Auto. Box	Aug. 30
WP	50	50-ton Box	Sept. 6
	40	70-ton Mech. Refrigerator	July 19
	40	70-ton Cov. Hopper	Sept. 13
	100	Box	Sept. 20

PASSENGER CARS			
B&M	42	RDC-1	July 5
LI	13	RDC-2	July 5
	2	RDC	Aug. 23
L&N	125	Coach	Sept. 13
New York Transit Authority	13	Coach	Sept. 6
Rock Island	400	Subway	Sept. 13
	35	Sleeping	Sept. 20
UP	25	Baggage	Sept. 27

\*Supplementing lists of equipment orders reported during first and second quarters of 1954 (*Railway Age*, April 5, page 78, and July 5, page 10).

\*\*For service in Korea.

president, passenger service, New York Central; W. W. Patchell, vice-president, Pennsylvania; L. K. Sillcox, honorary vice-chairman of the board New York Air Brake Co. Members of the committee from the faculty of the School include: William J. Cunningham, James J. Hill professor of transportation (emeritus); Neil H. Borden, professor of advertising; president (1954) American Marketing association; Harry L. Hansen, professor of business administration (marketing); Russell H. Hasser, professor of accounting, president (1953) American Accounting Association; Ross G. Walker, professor of business administration (accounting).

This committee had an all-day meeting at the School on September 8, at which objectives were discussed and a general plan of inquiry was outlined by the research men. One aspect of the investigation will have to do with cost data required to determine whether a given train, or passenger service on a particular segment of railroad or on a railroad as a whole, is "paying its way." The other objective of the inquiry is to ascertain methods used, or usable, by railroads to survey the passenger market and to adapt their service to it, for optimum results. Mr. Ladd is conducting the cost studies, and Mr. Parks those in marketing and merchandising.

In accordance with standard practice at the School, the advisory committee will be counted on heavily for

advice and counsel—but findings of the researchers will be entirely their own.

## Equipment & Supplies

### FREIGHT CARS

#### Freight Fleet's 2-Month Loss Was 10,437 Cars

Fleets of the Class I railroads and their car-line affiliates lost 10,437 freight cars during the two-month period from July 1 through August 31, according to figures presented by Chairman A. H. Gass of the AAR Car Service Division, in his latest review of "The National Transportation Situation."

The figures showed that 13,893 cars were retired during the two-month period, when only 3,456 new cars were placed in service. The September 1 fleet totaled 1,835,310 cars, down 17,287 cars from the September 1, 1953, total of 1,852,597 cars.

Serviceable ownership was down 45,949 cars—from 1,755,584 on September 1, 1953, to 1,709,635 cars as of the first of this month. In that connection, however, Mr. Gass noted that the

railroads "continue to report about 75,000 surplus serviceable cars daily as compared with only minor shortages which are confined principally to high-grade and wide-door box."

Reporting on the refrigerator car situation, the CSD chairman said there are now about 640 mechanical refrigerator cars in service, as compared with 319 a year ago. He noted that these cars handle a "large part" of the frozen food movement, which is about the only "reefer" traffic that is holding up.

The **Canadian National** has ordered 110 70-ton flat cars from the Canadian Car & Foundry Co. at an approximate cost of \$850,000. The cars, the road said, are the first 70-ton flat cars it has ordered for service in Canada.

#### SPECIAL

#### REA Purchases 3,000 Trucks for \$9,500,000

The Railway Express Agency has ordered 3,000 new 1½-ton pickup and delivery trucks at a cost of \$9,500,000, it was announced by A. L. Hammell, REA president. The new units, many of which are expected to be put into service before the year-end in the District of Columbia and 65 other cities in 30 states, are being custom built to the agency's specifications.

Manufacturers supplying truck-chassis equipment are the Fargo Motor Division (Dodge) of the Chrysler Corporation; Ford Motor Company; General Motors Corporation; and the International Harvester Company. Specially designed truck bodies are being

#### CLERKS APPROVE CARRIER DEMAND

An unusual note in railroad labor relations came out of a recent meeting of general chairmen of the Brotherhood of Railway and Steamship Clerks in Chicago.

In the now-settled "non-ops" fringe benefits case, one of the counter-demands by the carriers was for a time limit for the handling of claims and grievances (*Railway Age*, April 5, page 8). Commenting on this demand, which the Presidential Emergency Board approved, the September 15 issue of "The Railway Clerk," official publication of the brotherhood, says:

"Despite the traditional opposition of unions to time limits on grievances, there seems to be good reason to hope that there may be some advantage in the new rule to the employees in speeding the settlement of grievances. And anything that contributes to speedier settlement of grievances on the railroads is much to be desired."

built by the Gerstenslager Company; York-Hoover Body Corporation; and the Metropolitan Body Corporation, subsidiary of International Harvester.

#### Supply Trade

**C. Allen Koenig**, former sales manager for the National Pneumatic Company, has been appointed special representative for the **Toyad Corporation**, manufacturer of Neoprene latex fire-resistant foam for use in passenger-car seats and for thermal- and sound-deadening insulation. Mr. Koenig has established headquarters in the New York area.

The Railroad Supply division of the **Warren Soap Manufacturing Company**, Boston, has appointed the **Carrier Supply Company**, of St. Louis, as representative in that area.

**Aeroquip Corporation** has appointed **Forrest F. Hinkley** as general manager of **Aero-Coupling Corporation**, Burbank, Cal., a subsidiary company. Mr. Hinkley was formerly director of subsidiary operations at Jackson, Mich.

**George W. Casey**, formerly superintendent of manufacturing operations for the **Lehon Company**, has joined the railway sales division of that firm at Chicago.

**Frederick C. Johnson**, for the past six years manager of the scale department of the New York branch house of **Fairbanks, Morse & Co.**, has been appointed manager of the branch to succeed **Tom W. Drennen**, who recently resigned because of ill health.

**Herbert G. Mastin**, assistant vice-president of the Eastern Railroad division of **Dearborn Chemical Company**, has retired.

**Stratoflex, Inc.**, has opened a new factory branch in Los Angeles. The operation is headed by **A. B. Quinn**, district manager, and **W. L. Jones** is branch manager. Sales engineers for the Los Angeles area are **J. J. McGrody** and **R. G. Wood**.

**Robert J. Whelan**, formerly Chicago district sales manager of **True Temper Corporation's** Railway Appliances division, has been appointed to the newly created post of assistant sales manager of the division. Mr. Whelan will work out of the firm's general sales offices in Cleveland.

**Edward F. Schermerhorn**, manager of the Insulated Joint department of the **Rail Joint Company** since 1928, has retired after 56 years with



**RICHARD T. COYNE**, new assistant to president, National Motor Bearing Company, at Chicago, who will be concerned with marketing and servicing the company's products for railroads. Mr. Coyne was formerly vice-president of Pressed Steel Car Company.

the firm. Mr. Schermerhorn participated in the work that led to the fiber specifications of the AAR's Signal Section in 1923; served in a similar capacity in 1935 when the fiber specifications again were studied and revised, and contributed also to the 1952 revision of the specifications.

**L. J. Brasher**, formerly superintendent of motive power of the Belt Railway Company of Chicago, has been appointed superintendent of heavy equipment maintenance, railroad department of the **Ford Motor Company** at Dearborn, Mich.

**J. A. Smith** has been appointed sales representative of the track equipment department of **Pullman-Stand-**



**GLENN A. STETSON**, who has been appointed transportation sales and service representative in the greater Chicago area for Sherwin-Williams Company. Mr. Stetson, assistant to R. H. Hill, general manager of the firm's transportation sales division since 1950, succeeds Harry M. Faber, who has retired after 47 years of service with the company.

ard Car Manufacturing Company at Chicago, succeeding **R. C. Caldwell**, who recently resigned to become superintendent of work equipment of the Texas & Pacific. Named as sales and service representatives of the same department are **W. E. Porter**, **H. J. Dumich** and **Harry Peaker**.

**C. H. Anderson**, formerly with Armco Drainage & Metal Products, has been appointed general manager of **Stanley H. Smith & Co.**

A new company, **Batchelder, White & Associates**, located in the Railway Exchange building, 80 E. Jackson boulevard, Chicago, has been formed to merchandise railroad equipment and supplies.

The mechanical division of **Southern Electric, Inc.**, Hammond, Ind., has expanded its operation to include manufacture of steel pipe coils for steam generators on diesel locomotives.

#### OBITUARY

**George J. Diver**, retired vice-president of the **Morrison Railway Supply Corporation** at Chicago, died September 23 at Indianapolis, Ind.

### Railway Officers

**BIRMINGHAM SOUTHERN.**—As reported in *Railway Age* September 13, **Claud D. Cotten, Jr.**, has been named president of this road at Fairfield, Ala., and **Hugh G. Glasgow** succeeds Mr. Cotten as vice-president. Mr. Cotten was born at Birmingham, Ala., and was graduated from Georgia Institute of Technology (B.S. in M.E. 1935).



**Claud D. Cotten, Jr.**

He began his service with the BS in 1936 as mechanical engineer. From 1940 to 1941 and from 1942 to 1946 Mr. Cotten saw service with the U.S.



UP's SALT LAKE CITY DIESEL SHOP nears completion—Started late in 1951, the Union Pacific's diesel repair shop at Salt Lake City is about 70% completed. It will be the road's main diesel repair shop, and will cost \$5,600,000. Standing in place of the old engine house for steam locomotives, the shop will be

used for maintenance of diesel and gas turbine-electric locomotives. The shop high-bay is 410 ft long by 162 ft wide, and the two side bays are respectively 220 ft by 102 ft, and 303 ft by 80 ft. Equipment will include, among other things, a 250-ton overhead crane and a 90-ton drop pit table.

Army, European theater, was awarded the Purple Heart and discharged with the rank of major. He became master mechanic of the BS in 1946, later being appointed assistant to vice-president, and in April 1952 was named vice-president. He is chairman of the Car Service Committee of the American Short Line Railroad Association and president of the Southern Short Line Railroad Conference.

Mr. Glasgow was born at Edgewater, Ala., and was graduated from Alabama Polytechnic Institute (B.S. in Bus. Admin. 1937). Except for service



**Hugh G. Glasgow**

with the U.S. Army from 1941 to 1946 (E.T.O., Bronze Star), Mr. Glasgow has been with the BS since 1937, serving as storekeeper, general storekeeper, and personnel and safety supervisor.

**BURLINGTON.**—**Charles J. Miller**, division superintendent at Galesburg, Ill., has been transferred

to Ottumwa, Iowa, succeeding **George W. Eckhardt**, who retired October 1 after more than 50 years of service. Mr. Miller's successor is **Jack E. Hamer**, assistant to general manager at Omaha, who in turn has been succeeded by **John W. Terrill**, assistant division superintendent at that point. **Earl D. Harville**, trainmaster at Aurora, Ill., replaces Mr. Terrill.

**CHICAGO & NORTH WESTERN.**—**H. A. Gundersen**, freight traffic manager at Chicago, has been advanced to assistant general traffic manager in charge of rates and divisions there. **Henry J. Schroeder**, assistant freight traffic manager—rates at that point, becomes assistant freight traffic manager—divisions. Named as assistant freight traffic managers—rates at Chicago are **I. O. Lawrenz**, general freight agent—rates; **W. R. Tueffel**, assistant general freight agent; and **E. G. Johnson, Jr.**, assistant general freight agent—rates. **W. L. Frank**, assistant general freight agent—rates, advances to general freight agent—divisions, while **A. C. Kruse**, chief clerk in the office of vice-president in charge of rates and divisions, and **P. W. Beutjer**, chief clerk in the office of freight traffic manager—rates, have been named assistant general freight agents—rates.

**ERIE.**—**Edwin W. Keiley**, assistant general eastern agent at New York, has been appointed assistant general freight agent at Detroit, succeeding **L. J. Marion**, whose retirement was noted in *Railway Age* September 6. **Earl C. Adler**, general agent at Los Angeles, succeeds Mr. Keiley at New York and is succeeded by **Wilbur W. Thoms**, division freight agent at Jamestown, N. Y. **Claude F. Lauer**, general agent at Cleveland, has been

transferred to Columbus, Ohio, succeeding **J. Lawrence Chapman**, who replaces Mr. Thoms. **Charles A. Parker** has been named general agent at Cleveland to succeed Mr. Lauer.

**FRISCO.**—**H. C. Bitner**, assistant superintendent at Tulsa, Okla., has been appointed superintendent terminals at that point, succeeding **E. M.**



**H. C. Bitner**

**Gray**, who becomes terminal trainmaster at Memphis, Tenn. to replace **R. P. Shoaf**, newly appointed as trainmaster at Tulsa.

**GREAT NORTHERN.**—**D. L. Manion**, trainmaster at Spokane, Wash., has been appointed staff assistant to the general manager—lines west at Seattle, Wash. Mr. Manion's successor is **H. H. Holmquist**, who transfers from Wenatchee, Wash. **T. G. Hooker**, assistant trainmaster at Vancouver, B.C., replaces Mr. Holmquist.

**P. F. Connelly**, assistant to general freight agent at Seattle, has been promoted to assistant general freight agent—rates and divisions there. **A. N. Tein**, commerce agent at St. Paul, advances to assistant general freight agent—commerce section.

**N. A. Savage**, general agent at Buffalo, N.Y., has been named assistant general freight agent—rates and divisions at St. Paul, Minn. **R. A. Cory**, traveling freight agent at Cincinnati, is Mr. Savage's successor.

**Wilbert F. Arksey** has been appointed engineer water service and fuel facilities at St. Paul, succeeding **B. W. DeGeer**, who has retired.

**LEHIGH & NEW ENGLAND.**—The purchasing department of this road and the Lehigh Coal & Navigation Co., **W. B. Joachim, Jr.**, purchasing agent, is now located at 528 North New street, Bethlehem, Pa. The department was formerly at 123 South Broad street, Philadelphia.

**MILWAUKEE.**—**Charles T. Lannon**, assistant treasurer at Chicago, has been elected treasurer at that point to succeed **Fred H. Jeffrey**, who retired August 31 after a half

century of railroad service. Mr. Lannon's successor is **James M. Hazelton**, transfer agent in the treasurer's office in that city.



**Charles T. Lannon**

**M. A. Nyberg**, supervisor telegraph and signals at Milwaukee; **J. T. Hanlon**, supervisor telegraph and signals at Perry, Iowa; and **R. R. McConahay**, signal and communication supervisor at Mobridge, S.D., have been named signal and communication supervisors at Seattle, Wash.; Milwaukee, Wis.; and Perry, Iowa, respectively. Mr. Nyberg succeeds **J. F. McConahay**, who recently retired.

**W. J. Hotchkiss**, division superintendent at Savanna, Ill., has been transferred to Austin, Minn., where he succeeds **M. T. Sevedge**, who moves to Spokane. Mr. Sevedge replaces **S. E. Herzog**, who becomes division superintendent at Butte, Mont., to succeed **J. T. Hayes**, who transfers to Savanna, Ill., to replace Mr. Hotchkiss.

**Harold L. Pitner**, assistant engineer at Chicago, retired September 30.

**NEW HAVEN.**—**Frank T. Richardson** and **Leslie H. Tyler** have been appointed resident public relations managers at New York and New Haven, respectively. Mr. Richardson was formerly director of public relations for ACF Industries at New York, and Mr. Tyler was assistant director of publicity of the New Haven at New Haven.

**Henry T. Moorhead**, assistant to general passenger traffic manager at Boston, has been promoted to assistant general passenger traffic manager. **Charles A. Goodwin**, manager of passenger station services at Boston, has been appointed assistant to general passenger traffic manager.

**NORFOLK & WESTERN.**—**W. A. Cormany**, foreign freight agent at New York, has been named general foreign freight agent there, a new position. **C. N. Butler**, foreign freight agent at Chicago, has been appointed assistant general foreign freight agent at New York. **J. J. Evich**, assistant general foreign freight agent at Nor-

folk, has become foreign freight agent at Chicago, and his former position has been abolished. **Lt. Col. C. I. Britts**, assistant chief of transportation of the U. S. Marine Corps, has returned to the N&W as assistant foreign freight agent at Norfolk. **I. W. Begbie**, assistant foreign freight agent at New York, has retired at his own request after 32 years of service. The positions of foreign freight agent and assistant foreign freight agent at New York have been abolished.

**W. E. Robertson, Jr.**, assistant to superintendent transportation at Roanoke, Va., has been appointed director of civil defense for the company.

**NORTHERN PACIFIC.**—**E. G. Lind** has been appointed to the newly created position of diesel supervisor at Livingston, Mont.

**H. M. Sova**, assistant signal engineer at St. Paul, has retired after more than 44 years of continuous service.

**H. E. Nelson**, division storekeeper at Glendive, Mont., has been named district storekeeper at Livingston, Mont., succeeding **L. D. Greeno**, who has retired. Mr. Nelson's successor is **R. F. Blakeslee**, storekeeper at Laurel, Mont.

**W. L. Waleen**, assistant signal engineer at St. Paul, Minn., has exchanged his duties for those of **H. M. Sova**, who retired September 1 as assistant signal engineer—eastern district at that point. Mr. Waleen has been replaced by **A. C. Eastman**, office engineer, who in turn has been succeeded by **C. H. Dunn**, general signal inspector.

Named as assistant general freight agent at St. Paul is **F. J. Kassekert**, chief of the rate analysis bureau there, who replaces **E. G. Anderson**, retired. **R. W. Bathen**, chief rate analyst, succeeds Mr. Kassekert.

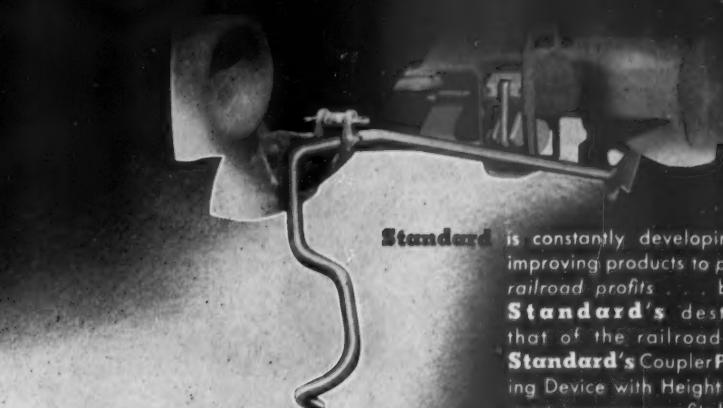
**SEABOARD.**—**W. H. Higginbotham**, district freight agent at Raleigh, N.C., has been appointed assistant general freight agent there.

**E. S. Laws**, structural engineer at Norfolk, Va., has been appointed assistant division engineer at Raleigh, N. C.

**E. W. Long**, freight traffic manager at Norfolk, Va., has retired after more than 42 years of service.

**SOUTHERN.**—**Thomas D. Leavitt**, chief of tariff bureau at Atlanta, has been appointed assistant coal freight agent there, succeeding **Hugh L. Marston**, whose appointment as coal freight agent at Atlanta was announced in *Railway Age* August 2. **G. William Edler** has been named general industrial agent at Washington, D.C., succeeding **Ralph A. Jackson**, who has retired after more than 40 years of service. **Joel T. Gheesling, Jr.**, assistant general western freight agent at Chicago, has been promoted to general agent at Pittsburgh, succeeding Mr. Edler. **Willis T. Carpenter, Jr.**, district freight agent at Chicago,

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succeeds Mr. Gheesling as assistant general western freight agent there.

As reported in *Railway Age* September 6, **E. Macon Tolleson** has been appointed assistant vice-president at Washington, D.C. and **Frank S. Worthington** succeeds Mr. Tolleson

trainmaster, superintendent and general secretarial capacities, he became assistant trainmaster, terminal trainmaster,



**E. Macon Tolleson**

as general superintendent transportation at Charlotte, N.C. Mr. Tolleson was born October 13, 1904, at Montgomery, Ala. and joined the Southern at Chattanooga in September 1919 as messenger. After serving in various



**Frank S. Worthington**

trainmaster, superintendent and general superintendent transportation.

**Robert G. Warner** and **Willard V. Drischel, Jr.**, commercial agents at Chicago, have been appointed district freight agents.

**UNION PACIFIC**.—**Ernst G. Hayes** has been appointed general agent at Santa Ana, Cal.

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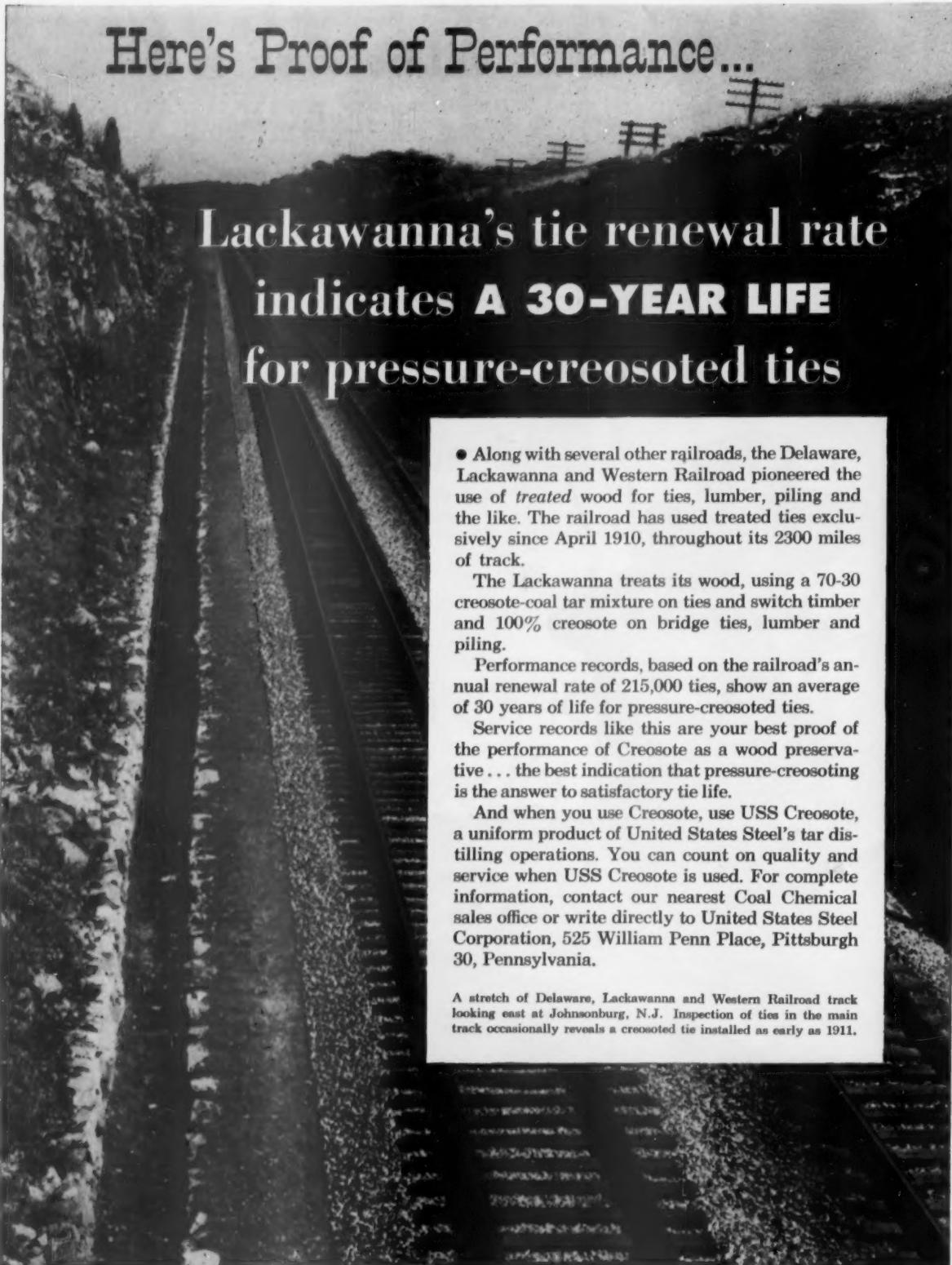
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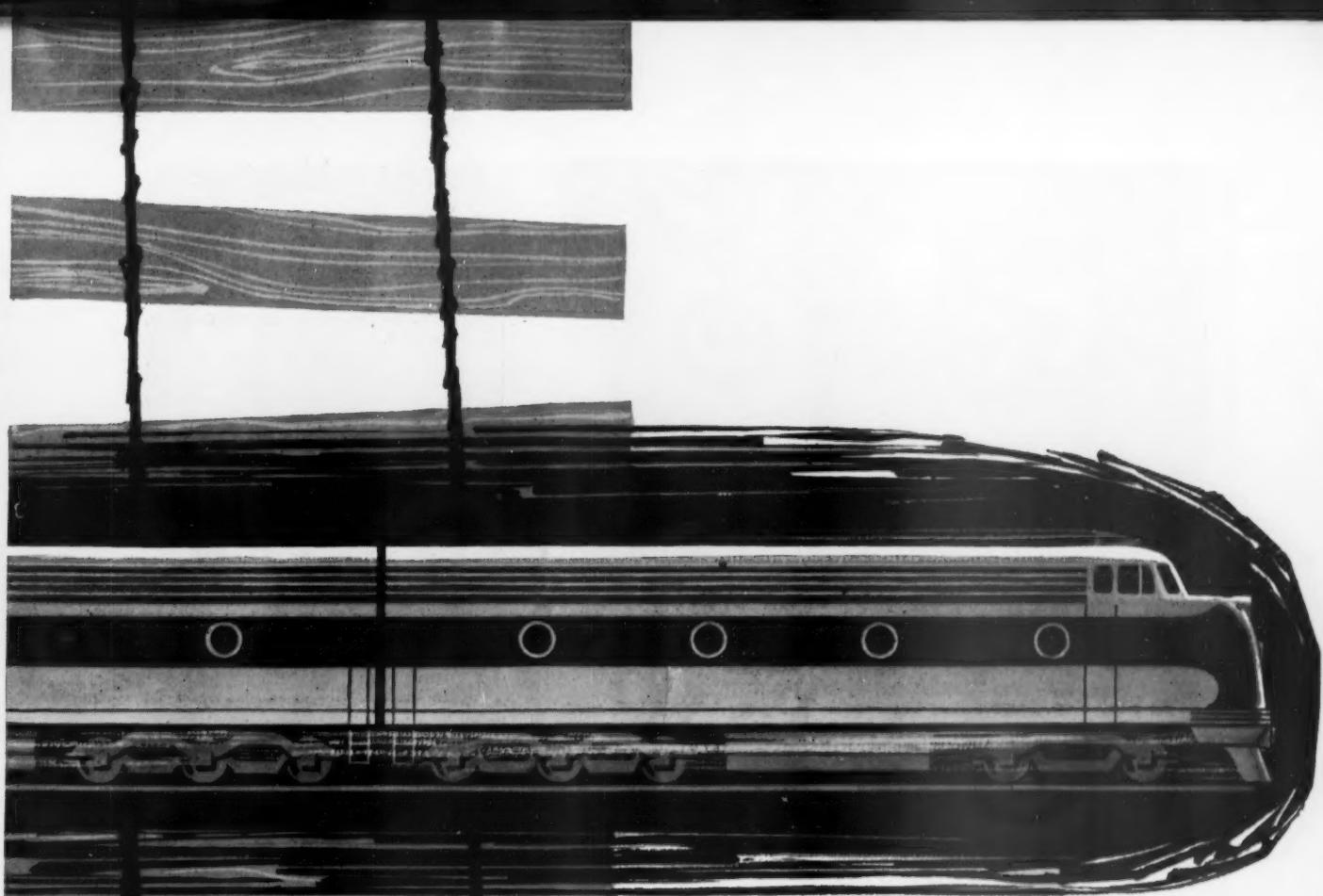
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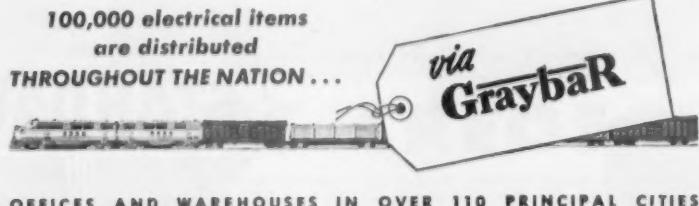
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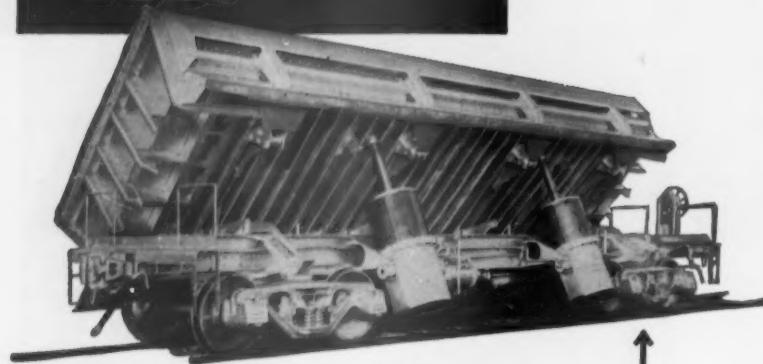
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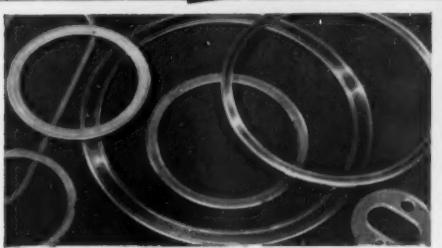
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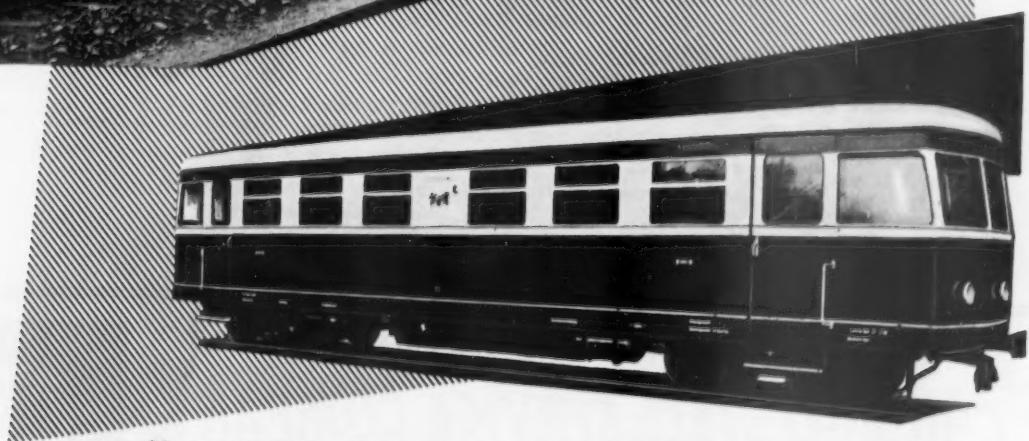
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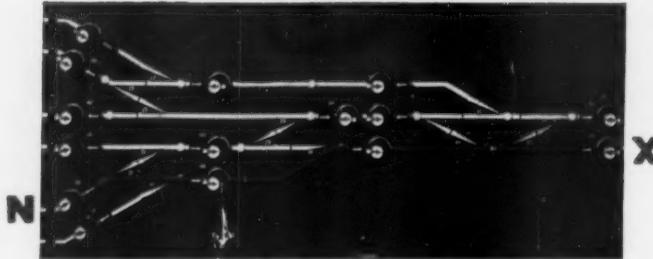
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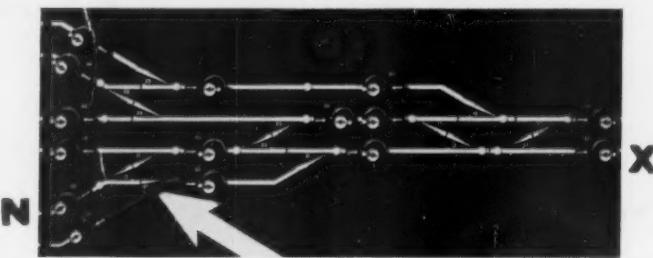
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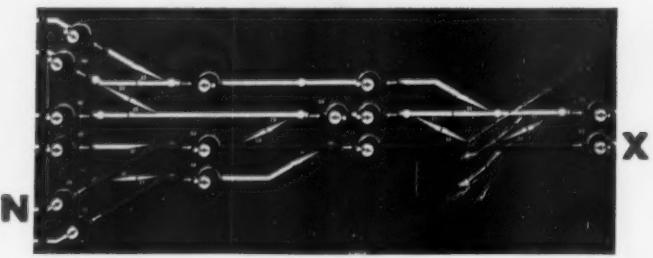
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